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118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To prohibit the availability of Federal education funds for elementary and secondary schools that receive direct or indirect support from the Government of the People's Republic of China.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HERN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

A BILL

To prohibit the availability of Federal education funds for elementary and secondary schools that receive direct or indirect support from the Government of the People's Republic of China.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Promoting Responsible
5 Oversight to Eliminate Communist Teachings for Our
6 Kids Act" or the "PROTECT Our Kids Act".

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.**

2 (a) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
3 sion of law, no funds may be made available under an ap-
4 plicable program to any elementary school or secondary
5 school that—

6 (1) has a partnership in effect with a cultural
7 or language institute directly or indirectly funded by
8 the Government of the People’s Republic of China,
9 including a Confucius Institute;

10 (2) operates a learning center directly or indi-
11 rectly supported by the Government of the People’s
12 Republic of China (commonly referred to as a “Con-
13 fucius Classroom”); or

14 (3) otherwise receives support from an indi-
15 vidual or entity acting directly or indirectly on behalf
16 of the Government of the People’s Republic of
17 China, including support in the form of teaching ma-
18 terials, personnel, funds, or other resources.

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The prohibition under sub-
20 section (a) shall take effect on the date that is one year
21 after the date of enactment of this Act.

22 (c) NOTICE TO AFFECTED SCHOOLS.—Not later than
23 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
24 retary of Education shall provide notice to elementary and
25 secondary schools of the requirements of this Act together

1 with guidance for achieving compliance with such require-
2 ments.

3 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

4 (1) APPLICABLE PROGRAM.—The term “appli-
5 cable program” has the meaning given that term in
6 section 400(c)(1) of the General Education Provi-
7 sions Act (20 U.S.C. 1221(c)(1)).

8 (2) ESEA TERMS.—The terms “elementary
9 school” and “secondary school” have the meanings
10 given those terms in section 8101 of the Elementary
11 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
12 7801).