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To restrict the use of certain telecommunications and other sensitive technology produced by Chinese technology companies.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CRUZ introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To restrict the use of certain telecommunications and other sensitive technology produced by Chinese technology companies.

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 “Countering Chinese
5 Attempts at Snooping (C-CAS) Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) The Chinese Communist Party utilizes tech-
9 niques of technology-facilitated surveillance and so-
10 cial control that are in critical ways developed, built,

1 and maintained on its behalf by Chinese technology
2 firms such as Huawei, Tencent, ZTE, Alibaba, and
3 Baidu.

4 (2) Chinese technology firms such as Huawei,
5 Tencent, ZTE, Alibaba, and Baidu have no recourse
6 but to assist the Chinese Communist Party with se-
7 curing access to foreign technologies and foreign
8 networks, conducting espionage including commer-
9 cial espionage, and gaining insight into the profiles,
10 activity, or location of foreign users of Chinese-
11 hosted or facilitated social media, computer or
12 smartphone applications, or telecommunications.

13 (3) Documents detailing Chinese military-civil
14 fusion have expressed appreciation for the assistance
15 of Chinese technology firms such as Huawei,
16 Tencent, Alibaba, and Baidu for assisting in the de-
17 velopment of military industrial capabilities.

18 **SEC. 3. LISTING OF COVERED ENTITIES.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in con-
20 sultation with the Secretary of Defense, shall compile a
21 list of each technology company that—

22 (1) is domiciled in the People’s Republic of
23 China or subject to influence or control by the Gov-
24 ernment of the People Republic of China or the

1 Communist Party of the People’s Republic of China;
2 and

3 (2) assists the Government of the People Re-
4 public of China or the Communist Party of the Peo-
5 ple’s Republic of China with—

6 (A) technology-facilitated surveillance of
7 foreign persons or companies;

8 (B) accessing foreign networks; or

9 (C) gaining insight into the profiles, activ-
10 ity, or location of foreign users of Chinese-
11 hosted or facilitated social media, computer or
12 smartphone applications, or telecommuni-
13 cations.

14 (b) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 120
15 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annu-
16 ally thereafter and as more information becomes available,
17 the Secretary of State shall submit to Congress the list
18 compiled under subsection (a).

19 (c) FORM.—The list under subsection (a) shall be in
20 unclassified form but may contain a classified annex.

21 **SEC. 4. RESTRICTION ON USE OF COVERED ENTITY TECH-**
22 **NOLOGY BY UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.**

23 No funds may be expended by an employee or officer
24 of the United States to conduct official business over any
25 social media, computer or smartphone application, or tele-

1 communications technology produced, operated, or hosted
2 by a company included in the list compiled under section
3 3.

4 **SEC. 5. RESTRICTION ON UNITED NATIONS FUNDING.**

5 Funds appropriated for any fiscal year for the De-
6 partment of State may not be used for payment by the
7 United States, as its contribution toward the assessed
8 budget of the United Nations for any year, or to a United
9 Nations agency, of any amount that would cause the total
10 amount paid by the United States as its assessed contribu-
11 tion for that year to exceed the amount assessed as the
12 United States contribution for that year less the total
13 amount budgeted by the United Nations, or by a United
14 Nations agency, as the case may be, that year for con-
15 tracts with companies included in the list compiled under
16 section 3.