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Add at the end of subtitle E of title XII of division A the following:

1 SEC. 12____. COUNTERING CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY MA 2 LIGN INFLUENCE.

3 (a) Countering Chinese Influence Fund.— 4 There is authorized to be appropriated \$300,000,000 for 5 each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026 for the Countering 6 Chinese Influence Fund to counter the malign influence 7 of the Chinese Communist Party globally. Amounts appropriated pursuant to such authorization are authorized to 8 remain available until expended and shall be in addition 9 10 to amounts otherwise authorized to be appropriated to counter such influence. 11

12 (b) CONSULTATION REQUIRED.—The obligation of 13 funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made 14 available pursuant to subsection (a) to counter the malign 15 influence of the Chinese Communist Party globally shall 16 be subject to prior consultation with, and consistent with 17 section 634A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 18 U.S.C. 2394-1), the regular notification procedures of $\mathbf{2}$

(1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep resentatives; and

4 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
5 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

6 (c) POLICY GUIDANCE, COORDINATION, AND AP-7 PROVAL.—

8 (1) COORDINATOR.—The Secretary of State 9 shall designate an existing senior official of the De-10 partment of State at the rank of Assistant Secretary 11 or above to provide policy guidance, coordination, 12 and approval for the obligation of funds authorized 13 to be appropriated or otherwise made available pur-14 suant to subsection (a).

15 (2) DUTIES.—The senior official designated
16 pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be responsible for—

17 (A) on an annual basis, the identification 18 of specific strategic priorities for obligating and 19 expending funds authorized to be appropriated 20 or otherwise made available pursuant to sub-21 section (a), such as geographic areas of focus or 22 functional categories of programming that 23 funds are to be concentrated within, consistent 24 with the national interests of the United States 25 and the purposes of this section;

1 (B) the coordination and approval of all 2 programming conducted using such funds, based on a determination that such program-3 4 ming directly counters the malign influence of the Chinese Communist Party, including spe-5 6 cific activities or policies advanced by the Chi-7 nese Communist Party, pursuant to the stra-8 tegic objectives of the United States, as estab-9 lished in the 2017 National Security Strategy, 10 the 2018 National Defense Strategy, and other 11 relevant national and regional strategies as ap-12 propriate; 13

(C) ensuring that all programming approved bears a sufficiently direct nexus to malign influence of the Chinese Communist Party described in subsection (d) and is in accordance with the efforts specified in subsection (e); and

(D) conducting oversight, monitoring, and
evaluation of the effectiveness of all programming conducted using such funds to ensure the
advancement of United States interests and
degradation of the malign influence of the Chinese Communist Party.

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1	(3) INTERAGENCY COORDINATION.—The senior
2	official designated pursuant to paragraph (1) shall,
3	in carrying out paragraph (2), seek to—
4	(A) conduct appropriate interagency con-
5	sultation; and
6	(B) ensure, to the maximum extent prac-
7	ticable, that all approved programming under
8	such paragraph (2) functions in concert with
9	other Federal activities to counter the malign
10	influence of the Chinese Communist Party.
11	(4) Assistant coordinator.—The Adminis-
12	trator of the United States Agency for International
13	Development shall designate a senior official at the
14	rank of Assistant Administrator or above to assist
15	and consult with the senior official designated pur-
16	suant to paragraph (1).
17	(d) MALIGN INFLUENCE.—In this section, the term
18	"malign influence" with respect to the Chinese Com-
19	munist Party includes acts conducted by the Chinese Com-
20	munist Party or entities acting on its behalf that—
21	(1) undermine a free and open international
22	order;
23	(2) advance an alternative, repressive inter-
24	national order that bolsters the Chinese Communist

Party's hegemonic ambitions and is characterized by
 coercion and dependency;

3 (3) undermine the national security or sov4 ereignty of the United States or other countries; or
5 (4) undermine the economic security of the
6 United States or other countries, including by pro7 moting corruption.

8 (e) COUNTERING MALIGN INFLUENCE.—In this sec-9 tion, countering malign influence includes efforts to—

10 (1) promote transparency and accountability,
11 and reduce corruption, including in governance
12 structures targeted by the malign influence of the
13 Chinese Communist Party;

14 (2) support civil society and independent media
15 to raise awareness of and increase transparency re16 garding the negative impact of activities related to
17 the Belt and Road Initiative and associated initia18 tives;

19 (3) counter transnational criminal networks
20 that benefit, or benefit from, the malign influence of
21 the Chinese Communist Party;

(4) encourage economic development structures
that help protect against predatory lending schemes,
including support for market-based alternatives in

key economic sectors, such as the digital economy,
 energy, and infrastructure;

3 (5) counter activities that provide undue influ4 ence to the security forces of the People's Republic
5 of China;

6 (6) expose misinformation and disinformation 7 of the Chinese Communist Party's propaganda, in-8 cluding through programs carried out by the Global 9 Engagement Center of the Department of State; and 10 (7) counter efforts by the Chinese Communist 11 Party to legitimize or promote authoritarian ideology 12 and governance models.

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