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At the end of subtitle A of title XVII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 17____. ESTABLISHMENT OF CHINA WATCHER PRO-**
2 **GRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in coordi-
4 nation with appropriate officials of the relevant offices and
5 bureaus of the Department of Defense, shall implement
6 a program, to be known as the “China Watcher Program”,
7 within the Department of State to—

8 (1) monitor and combat the People’s Republic
9 of China’s malign influence across military, eco-
10 nomic, and political sectors in foreign countries;

11 (2) monitor the People’s Republic of China’s
12 military trends abroad and counter its activities and
13 advancements in foreign nations that pose a threat
14 to United States interests and the rules-based order;
15 and

16 (3) strengthen the capacity of United States
17 Government to engage with foreign countries and re-
18 gional and international military, economic, and po-
19 litical organizations and institutions relating to pol-

1 icy coordination regarding the People’s Republic of
2 China and efforts to counter the People’s Republic
3 of China’s malign influence.

4 (b) PLACEMENT.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the China
6 Watcher Program under this section, the Secretary
7 of State, in consultation with the Secretary of De-
8 fense, shall place officers in positions in select
9 United States diplomatic and consular posts, to en-
10 engage both Chinese and third-country nationals, in-
11 cluding host governments and nongovernment enti-
12 ties, on the matters described in subsection (a).

13 (2) PRIORITY.—The Secretary of State shall—

14 (A) in selecting diplomatic and consular
15 posts, prioritize foreign countries in which Chi-
16 nese influence has been historically significant
17 and in which United States interests and per-
18 sons are vulnerable to the People’s Republic of
19 China’s malign activities; and

20 (B) in placing personnel in such posts, se-
21 lect, in consultation with the Secretary of De-
22 fense, individuals from among the personnel of
23 either the Department of State or the Depart-
24 ment of Defense who have sufficient subject

1 matter expertise, language skills, and training
2 to carry out the relevant functions effectively.

3 (c) ANNUAL REPORT.—Each diplomatic or consular
4 post at which an officer is placed through the China
5 Watcher Program under this section shall produce an an-
6 nual report outlining the steps it has taken to advance
7 the mission, trends and analysis, and the nature and ex-
8 tent of Chinese foreign direct investment and influence in
9 key military, economic, and political sectors, including
10 technology, manufacturing, transportation, energy, met-
11 als, agriculture, real estate, and defense. The report shall
12 also include an assessment of the investment, trade, and
13 other risks posed by Chinese malign influence as well as
14 instances of predatory actions by the People’s Republic of
15 China or its affiliates.

16 (d) RISK ASSESSMENT.—Each annual report re-
17 quired by subsection (c) shall include a risk assessment,
18 which shall be made publicly available, and may contain
19 a classified annex. The Secretary of State, in consultation
20 with the Secretary of Defense, shall, based on the results
21 of such reports, make publicly available a list of countries
22 of concern that, in the determination of the Secretary, are
23 most likely to be susceptible to economic espionage and

- 1 coercion or influence of the People's Republic of China
- 2 across military, economic, and political sectors.

