

AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MR. WILSON OF SOUTH CAROLINA

At the end of title XVIII, add the following new sections:

1 **SEC. ____ . PROHIBITING AGENTS OF COUNTRIES OF CON-**
2 **CERN FROM RECEIVING COMPENSATION FOR**
3 **SERVICES.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION.—The Foreign Agents Registration
5 Act of 1938 (22 U.S.C. 611 et seq.) is amended by insert-
6 ing after section 1 the following new section:

7 **“SEC. 1A. RESTRICTIONS ON AGENTS OF COUNTRIES OF**
8 **CONCERN.**

9 “(a) PROHIBITING ACCEPTANCE OF COMPENSA-
10 TION.—No person may receive direct or indirect com-
11 pensation in any form, including intangible or in-kind, for
12 serving as the agent of—

13 “(1) a foreign principal which is a country of
14 concern;

15 “(2) the ruling party of a foreign principal
16 which is a country of concern; or

17 “(3) an agent or instrumentality of an entity
18 that is described in paragraph (1) or (2).

1 “(b) DEEMING CERTAIN PERSONS AS FOREIGN
2 PRINCIPALS WHICH ARE FOREIGN AGENTS.—A person
3 shall be considered for purposes of this Act to be an agent
4 of a foreign principal which is a country of concern if the
5 person is engaged to serve as an agent by any of the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(1) A senior foreign political figure of a coun-
8 try of concern.

9 “(2) A corporation, limited liability company, or
10 similar entity beneficially owned (as described in sec-
11 tion 5336(a)(3) of title 31, United States Code) by
12 a senior foreign political figure of a country of con-
13 cern.

14 “(3) A corporation, limited liability company, or
15 similar entity that is not described in paragraph (2)
16 that is under the direction or control in any way,
17 whether directly or indirectly, and including through
18 a third party, of a senior foreign political figure of
19 a country of concern. The preceding sentence does
20 not include any entity that is organized under the
21 laws of the United States or of any jurisdiction with-
22 in the United States.

23 “(4) Any entity owned or controlled by an enti-
24 ty described in paragraph (1) or (2).

1 “(c) PENALTY.—In addition to any other penalty
2 under this Act, any person who violates subsection (a)—

3 “(1) shall pay to the United States an amount
4 equal to the total compensation the person received
5 in violation of subsection (a); and

6 “(2) shall be subject to a fine of not more than
7 twice the amount paid under paragraph (1).

8 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

9 “(1) the term ‘country of concern’ has the
10 meaning given such term in section 1(m) of the
11 State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22
12 U.S.C. 2651a(m)), as added by section 9215(b) of
13 the Department of State Authorization Act of 2022
14 (Public Law 117–263).

15 “(2) the term ‘senior foreign political figure’—

16 “(A) has the meaning given such term in
17 section 1010.605 of title 31, Code of Federal
18 Regulations, or any successor regulation; and

19 “(B) excludes a political figure who the At-
20 torney General determines is not a part of, or
21 aligned with, the ruling party.”.

22 (b) REQUIRING SEPARATE REGISTRATION STATE-
23 MENTS.—Section 2 of such Act (22 U.S.C. 612) is amend-
24 ed by adding at the end of the following new subsection:

1 “(h) SEPARATE STATEMENTS REQUIRED FOR
2 AGENTS OF COUNTRIES OF CONCERN.—An agent of a for-
3 eign principal which is a country of concern as determined
4 under section 1A, shall submit separate registration state-
5 ments and supplements under this section with respect to
6 the agent’s service on behalf of such a foreign principal.”.

7 **SEC. ____ . PROHIBITING LOBBYISTS FROM RECEIVING**
8 **COMPENSATION FOR LOBBYING ACTIVITIES**
9 **ON BEHALF OF COUNTRIES OF CONCERN.**

10 (a) PROHIBITION.—The Lobbying Disclosure Act of
11 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1601) is amended by inserting after sec-
12 tion 5 the following new section:

13 **“SEC. 5A. PROHIBITING ACCEPTANCE OF COMPENSATION**
14 **FOR LOBBYING ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF**
15 **COUNTRIES OF CONCERN.**

16 “(a) PROHIBITION.—No person or entity may receive
17 direct or indirect financial or other compensation for car-
18 rying out lobbying activities on behalf of a client which
19 is—

20 “(1) a country of concern;

21 “(2) the ruling party of a country of concern;

22 “(3) an agent or instrumentality of an entity
23 described in paragraph (1) or (2); or

24 “(4) any entity owned or controlled by an entity
25 described in paragraph (1) or (2).

1 “(b) DEEMING CERTAIN PERSONS OR ENTITIES TO
2 BE CARRYING OUT LOBBYING ACTIVITIES.—A person or
3 entity shall be considered for purposes of this section to
4 be carrying out lobbying activities on behalf of a client
5 which is a country of concern if the person or entity is
6 engaged to carry out such activities by any of the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “(1) A senior foreign political figure of a coun-
9 try of concern.

10 “(2) A corporation, limited liability company, or
11 similar entity beneficially owned (as described in sec-
12 tion 5336(a)(3) of title 31, United States Code) by
13 a senior foreign political figure of a country of con-
14 cern.

15 “(3) A corporation, limited liability company, or
16 similar entity that is not described in paragraph (2)
17 that is under the direction or control in any way,
18 whether directly or indirectly, and including through
19 a third party, of a senior foreign political figure of
20 a country of concern. The preceding sentence does
21 not include any entity that is organized under the
22 laws of the United States or of any jurisdiction with-
23 in the United States.

1 “(c) PENALTY.—In addition to any other penalty
2 under this Act, any person or entity who violates sub-
3 section (a)—

4 “(1) shall pay to the United States an amount
5 equal to the total compensation the person or entity
6 received in violation of subsection (a); and

7 “(2) shall be subject to a fine of not more than
8 twice the amount paid under paragraph (1).

9 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

10 “(1) the term ‘country of concern’ has the
11 meaning given such term in section 1(m) of the
12 State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22
13 U.S.C. 2651a(m)), as added by section 9215(b) of
14 the Department of State Authorization Act of 2022
15 (Public Law 117–263).

16 “(2) the term ‘senior foreign political figure’—

17 “(A) has the meaning given such term in
18 section 1010.605 of title 31, Code of Federal
19 Regulations, or any successor regulation; and

20 “(B) excludes a political figure who the At-
21 torney General determines is not a part of, or
22 aligned with, the ruling party.”.

23 (b) REQUIRING SEPARATE REGISTRATION STATE-
24 MENTS.—Section 5 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 1604) is amend-
25 ed by adding at the end of the following new subsection:

1 “(f) SEPARATE STATEMENTS REQUIRED FOR LOB-
2 BYING ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF COUNTRIES OF CON-
3 CERN.—A person or entity who carries out lobbying activi-
4 ties on behalf of a client which is a country of concern
5 as determined under section 5A, shall submit separate reg-
6 istration statements and supplements under this section
7 with respect to the person or entity’s service on behalf of
8 such a foreign principal.”.

