AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MR. WILSON OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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

SEC. ____. PROHIBITING AGENTS OF COUNTRIES OF CONCERN FROM RECEIVING COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES.

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

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“SEC. 1A. RESTRICTIONS ON AGENTS OF COUNTRIES OF CONCERN.

“(a) Prohibiting Acceptance of Compensation.—No person may receive direct or indirect compensation in any form, including intangible or in-kind, for serving as the agent of—

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

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

“(3) an agent or instrumentality of an entity that is described in paragraph (1) or (2).
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“(b) DEEMING CERTAIN PERSONS AS FOREIGN PRINCIPALS WHICH ARE FOREIGN AGENTS.—A person shall be considered for purposes of this Act to be an agent of a foreign principal which is a country of concern if the person is engaged to serve as an agent by any of the following:

“(1) A senior foreign political figure of a country of concern.

“(2) A corporation, limited liability company, or similar entity beneficially owned (as described in section 5336(a)(3) of title 31, United States Code) by a senior foreign political figure of a country of concern.

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

“(4) Any entity owned or controlled by an entity described in paragraph (1) or (2).
“(c) PENALTY.—In addition to any other penalty under this Act, any person who violates subsection (a)—

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

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

“(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

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

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

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

“(B) excludes a political figure who the Attorney General determines is not a part of, or aligned with, the ruling party.”.

(b) REQUIRING SEPARATE REGISTRATION STATEMENTS.—Section 2 of such Act (22 U.S.C. 612) is amended by adding at the end of the following new subsection:
“(h) **SEPARATE STATEMENTS REQUIRED FOR AGENTS OF COUNTRIES OF CONCERN.**—An agent of a foreign principal which is a country of concern as determined under section 1A, shall submit separate registration statements and supplements under this section with respect to the agent’s service on behalf of such a foreign principal.”

**SEC. _____. PROHIBITING LOBBYISTS FROM RECEIVING COMPENSATION FOR LOBBYING ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF COUNTRIES OF CONCERN.**

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

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

“(a) **PROHIBITION.**—No person or entity may receive direct or indirect financial or other compensation for carrying out lobbying activities on behalf of a client which is—

“(1) a country of concern;

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

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

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

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

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

“(3) A corporation, limited liability company, or
similar entity that is not described in paragraph (2)
that is under the direction or control in any way,
whether directly or indirectly, and including through
a third party, of a senior foreign political figure of
a country of concern. The preceding sentence does
not include any entity that is organized under the
laws of the United States or of any jurisdiction with-
in the United States.
“(c) PENALTY.—In addition to any other penalty under this Act, any person or entity who violates subsection (a)—

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

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

“(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

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

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

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

“(B) excludes a political figure who the Attorney General determines is not a part of, or aligned with, the ruling party.”.

(b) REQUIRING SEPARATE REGISTRATION STATEMENTS.—Section 5 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 1604) is amended by adding at the end of the following new subsection:
“(f) Separate Statements Required for Lobbying Activities on Behalf of Countries of Concern.—A person or entity who carries out lobbying activities on behalf of a client which is a country of concern as determined under section 5A, shall submit separate registration statements and supplements under this section with respect to the person or entity’s service on behalf of such a foreign principal.”.