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To direct the Secretary of Commerce to submit to Congress a report on the protection of consumer information in the possession of United States companies operating in Hong Kong and requests issued by the Government of Hong Kong to such companies for consumer information, content takedowns, or law enforcement assistance.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 23, 2022

Mr. CURTIS (for himself and Mr. PETERS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Commerce to submit to Congress a report on the protection of consumer information in the possession of United States companies operating in Hong Kong and requests issued by the Government of Hong Kong to such companies for consumer information, content takedowns, or law enforcement assistance.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Hong Kong Business
3 Integrity and Transparency Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON REQUESTS FROM GOVERNMENT OF**
5 **HONG KONG TO UNITED STATES COMPANIES**
6 **FOR CONSUMER INFORMATION, CONTENT**
7 **TAKEDOWNS, OR LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSIST-**
8 **ANCE.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, and every 180 days
11 thereafter, the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation
12 with the heads of other appropriate Federal departments
13 and agencies, shall submit to the appropriate congres-
14 sional committees and make available to the public a re-
15 port on—

16 (1) the protection of consumer information in
17 the possession of United States companies operating
18 in Hong Kong; and

19 (2) requests issued by the Government of Hong
20 Kong to United States companies operating in Hong
21 Kong for content takedowns or law enforcement as-
22 sistance.

23 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report re-
24 quired by subsection (a) shall, with respect to the 180-
25 day period preceding the date of submission of the report,
26 include the following:

1 (1) The number of requests, issued by the Gov-
2 ernment of Hong Kong to United States companies
3 operating in Hong Kong for consumer information
4 in the possession of such companies, content take-
5 downs, or law enforcement assistance, that were ful-
6 filled and by which companies.

7 (2) An identification of the Hong Kong laws
8 under which such requests were issued.

9 (3) An identification of any United States con-
10 sumer protection laws that may have been violated
11 in the case of the fulfillment of such requests by
12 such companies.

13 (c) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required by sub-
14 section (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but
15 may include a classified index.

16 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
18 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
19 mittees” means—

20 (A) the Committee on Commerce, Science,
21 and Transportation, the Committee on Foreign
22 Relations, the Committee on Banking, Housing,
23 and Urban Affairs, the Committee on Finance,
24 and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the
25 Senate; and

1 (B) the Committee on Energy and Com-
2 merce, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
3 Committee on Financial Services, the Perma-
4 nent Select Committee on Intelligence, and the
5 Committee on Ways and Means of the House of
6 Representatives.

7 (2) CONTENT TAKEDOWN.—The term “content
8 takedown” means the removal of, disabling of access
9 to, or restriction of access to any material, includ-
10 ing—

11 (A) material on a website or online service;

12 (B) a software application; and

13 (C) any feature of a software application.

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