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with daily to shape America's policies. It gives you a look into the

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Counters foreign influence: Limiting foreign ownership of American land reduces their ability to exert economic and political influence within our borders.

Prevents money laundering: Illicit funds can be disguised through real estate purchases. This bill helps prevent foreign adversaries from laundering money through our property.

In an ever-changing global landscape, we must take the necessary steps to secure our homeland. Over 20,000 (https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.foxnews.com/us/chinese-migrants-pouring-across-southern-border) Chinese nationals have entered through our southern border since October 2023. It's time for America to wake up! Our bill is a crucial first step in accomplishing that.

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in for an update on our work in Congress and to share your questions, concerns, and thoughts - we hope to talk to you on Tuesday!

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