

117TH CONGRESS H.R. 7314

AN ACT

- To require the Secretary of State to submit to Congress a report on the People's Republic of China's support to the Russian Federation with respect to its unprovoked invasion of and full-scale war against Ukraine, and for other purposes.
 - 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.

- This Act may be cited as the "Assessing Xi's Inter-
- 3 ference and Subversion Act" or "AXIS Act".
- 4 SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND SENSE OF CONGRESS.
- 5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:
- 6 (1) On February 4, 2022, weeks ahead of the
- 7 Russian Federation's invasion of Ukraine, Russia
- 8 and the People's Republic of China released a joint
- 9 statement following a meeting between Vladimir
- 10 Putin and Xi Jinping, which outlined a strategic
- partnership with "no limits" and no "forbidden"
- areas for cooperation.
- 13 (2) On February 24, 2022, Russia invaded
- 14 Ukraine in an unprovoked and unjustified act of
- 15 war.
- 16 (3) China abstained from voting on the Feb-
- 17 ruary 25, 2022, United Nations Security Council
- resolution and the March 2, 2022, United Nations
- 19 General Assembly resolution condemning Russia's
- invasion of Ukraine.
- 21 (4) As of April 1, 2022, China has not publicly
- condemned Russia's unprovoked and illegal invasion
- of Ukraine.
- 24 (5) In his call with Xi Jinping on March 18,
- 25 2022, President Joe Biden communicated that there
- would be "implications and consequences if China

- 1 provides material support to Russia as it conducts
- 2 brutal attacks against Ukrainian cities and civil-
- 3 ians".
- 4 (b) Sense of Congress.—It is the sense of Con-
- 5 gress that—
- 6 (1) the People's Republic of China's
- 7 disinformation efforts relating to the Russian Fed-
- 8 eration's war against Ukraine make it culpable in
- 9 whitewashing Russia's war crimes, which include the
- indiscriminate killing of countless Ukrainian men,
- 11 women, and children; and
- 12 (2) if China is found to be materially sup-
- porting Russia in its war against Ukraine, there
- should be swift and stringent consequences for
- 15 China.
- 16 SEC. 3. REPORT.
- 17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
- 18 date of the enactment of this Act and every 90 days there-
- 19 after, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Sec-
- 20 retary of Commerce and the Director of National Intel-
- 21 ligence as appropriate, shall submit to the appropriate
- 22 congressional committees a report on whether and how the
- 23 People's Republic of China, including the Government of
- 24 the People's Republic of China, the Chinese Communist
- 25 Party, any Chinese state-owned enterprise, and any other

- Chinese entity, has provided support to the Russian Fed-2 eration with respect to its unprovoked invasion of and full-3 scale war against Ukraine. 4 (b) Matters To Be Included.—The report required by subsection (a) shall include a discussion of the People's Republic of China support to the Russian Federation with respect to— 8 (1) helping the Government of Russia or Rus-9 sian entities evade or circumvent United States 10 sanctions or multilateral sanctions and export con-11 trols; 12 (2) deliberately inhibiting onsite United States 13 Government export control end-use checks, including 14 interviews and investigations, in China; 15 (3) providing Russia with any technology, in-16 cluding semiconductors classified as EAR99, that 17 supports Russian intelligence or military capabilities; 18 (4) establishing economic or financial arrange-19 ments that will have the effect of alleviating the im-20 pact of United States sanctions or multilateral sanc-21 tions: 22
 - (5) furthering Russia's disinformation and propaganda efforts;
- 24 (6) coordinating to hinder the response of mul-25 tilateral organizations, including the United Nations,

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| 1 | to provide assistance to the people or Government of | | | | |
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| 2 | Ukraine, to condemn Russia's war, to hold Russia | | | | |
| 3 | accountable for the invasion and its prosecution of | | | | |
| 4 | the war, or to hold those complicit accountable; and | | | | |
| 5 | (7) providing any material, technical, or | | | | |
| 6 | logistical support, including to Russian military or | | | | |
| 7 | intelligence agencies and state-owned or state-linked | | | | |
| 8 | enterprises. | | | | |
| 9 | (c) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a) | | | | |
| 10 | shall be submitted in unclassified form and published or | | | | |
| 11 | the Department of State's publicly available website. | | | | |
| 12 | (d) Sunset.—The requirement to submit the report | | | | |
| 13 | required by subsection (a) shall terminate on the earlier | | | | |
| 14 | of— | | | | |
| 15 | (1) the date on which the Secretary of State de- | | | | |
| 16 | termines the conflict in Ukraine has ended; or | | | | |
| 17 | (2) the date that is 2 years after the date of the | | | | |
| 18 | enactment of this Act. | | | | |
| 19 | (e) Appropriate Congressional Committees De- | | | | |
| 20 | FINED.—In this section, the term "appropriate congres- | | | | |
| 21 | sional committees" means— | | | | |
| 22 | (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the | | | | |

House of Representatives; and

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(2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate.
Passed the House of Representatives April 27, 2022.

Clerk.

Attest:

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