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To impose sanctions with respect to members of the Chinese Communist Party and heads of Chinese health agencies relating to the COVID— 19 pandemic, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WITTMAN (for himself and Ms. STEFANIK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Education and Labor, and Energy and Commerce, 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

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "World Deserves To
- 5 Know Act".

1	SEC. 2. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO CER-
2	TAIN MEMBERS OF THE CHINESE COM-
3	MUNIST PARTY AND HEADS OF CHINESE
4	HEALTH AGENCIES RELATING TO THE
5	COVID-19 PANDEMIC.
6	(a) Chinese Communist Party Members.—
7	(1) In general.—The President shall impose
8	the sanctions described in section 1263 of the Global
9	Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act (22
10	U.S.C. 2656 note) with respect to any foreign per-
11	son who is an official of the Chinese Communist
12	Party that the President determines is knowingly re-
13	sponsible for, complicit in, or has directly or indi-
14	rectly engaged in—
15	(A) the disappearances of whistleblowers
16	and citizen journalists in the People's Republic
17	of China relating to the COVID-19 pandemic;
18	Or
19	(B) the establishment of limits on freedom
20	of speech and academic freedom in the People's
21	Republic of China relating to the COVID-19
22	pandemic.
23	(2) Coordination.—The President shall co-
24	ordinate with the intelligence community for pur-
25	poses of identifying foreign persons under this sub-
26	section.

- 1 (b) Chinese Health Agencies Heads.—The
- 2 President shall impose the sanctions described in sub-
- 3 section (c) with respect to the following foreign persons:
- 4 (1) Gao Fu, also known as George Fu Gao, the
- 5 Director of the Center for Disease Control and Pre-
- 6 vention of the People's Republic of China.
- 7 (2) Ma Xiaowei, Minister of the National
- 8 Health Commission of the People's Republic of
- 9 China.
- 10 (c) Sanctions Described.—The sanctions de-
- 11 scribed in this subsection with respect to a foreign person
- 12 are the following:
- 13 (1) Blocking of Property.—The President
- shall exercise all of the powers granted to the Presi-
- dent under the International Emergency Economic
- Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) (except that
- the requirements of section 202 of such Act (50
- 18 U.S.C. 1701) shall not apply) to the extent nec-
- essary to block and prohibit all transactions in prop-
- erty and interests in property of the person if such
- 21 property and interests in property are in the United
- States, come within the United States, or come with-
- in the possession or control of a United States per-
- 24 son.

1	(2) Inadmissibility to the united states
2	AND REVOCATION OF VISA OR OTHER DOCUMENTA-
3	TION.—
4	(A) Ineligibility for visa, admission,
5	OR PAROLE.—The foreign person is—
6	(i) inadmissible to the United States;
7	(ii) ineligible to receive a visa or other
8	documentation to enter the United States;
9	and
10	(iii) otherwise ineligible to be admitted
11	or paroled into the United States or to re-
12	ceive any other benefit under the Immigra-
13	tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et
14	seq.).
15	(B) Current visa revoked.—The visa
16	or other entry documentation of the foreign
17	person shall be revoked, regardless of when
18	such visa or other entry documentation is or
19	was issued. A revocation under this subpara-
20	graph shall take effect immediately and auto-
21	matically cancel any other valid visa or entry
22	documentation that is in the person's posses-
23	sion.
24	(d) Exceptions.—

(1) To COMPLY WITH UNITED NATIONS HEAD-QUARTERS AGREEMENT.—Sanctions under subsection (c)(2) shall not apply with respect to a foreign person described in subsection (b) if admitting or paroling the foreign person into the United States is necessary to permit the United States to comply with the Agreement regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations, signed at Lake Success June 26, 1947, and entered into force November 21, 1947, between the United Nations and the United States, or other applicable international obligations.

- (2) To Carry out or assist Law enforce-Ment activities.—Sanctions under this section shall not apply to a foreign person, if admitting or paroling the foreign person into the United States is necessary to carry out or assist law enforcement activity in the United States.
- (e) Implementation; Penalties.—
 - (1) Implementation.—The President may exercise all authorities provided under sections 203 and 205 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704) to carry out this section and shall issue such regulations, licenses, and orders as are necessary to carry out this section.

1	(2) Penalties.—Any person that violates, at
2	tempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a
3	violation of this section or any regulation, license, or
4	order issued to carry out paragraph (1) shall be sub-
5	ject to the penalties provided for in subsections (b)
6	and (c) of section 206 of the International Emer-
7	gency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) to the
8	same extent as a person that commits an unlawful
9	act described in subsection (a) of that section.
10	(f) WAIVER.—The President may waive the applica-
11	tion of sanctions imposed with respect to a foreign person
12	under this section if the President—
13	(1) determines that a waiver is in the national
14	interest of the United States; and
15	(2) not later than the date on which such waiv-
16	er will take effect, submits to the appropriate con-
17	gressional committees a notice of and justification
18	for such waiver.
19	(g) TERMINATION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO
20	A FOREIGN PERSON.—
21	(1) In general.—The President may termi-
22	nate the application of sanctions imposed with re-
23	spect to a foreign person under this section if the
24	President makes a determination that—

1	(A) credible information exists that the
2	person did not engage in the activity for which
3	the sanctions were imposed; and
4	(B) the person has—
5	(i) credibly demonstrated a significant
6	change in behavior; and
7	(ii) been subject to an appropriate
8	consequence for the activity for which the
9	sanctions were imposed.
10	(2) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 15 days be-
11	fore the date on which the application of sanctions
12	imposed with respect to a foreign person is termi-
13	nated under paragraph (1), the Secretary of State
14	shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-
15	mittees a report that—
16	(A) describes the evidence and justification
17	for the necessity of the termination; and
18	(B) explains how the termination of the
19	application of sanctions is in the national secu-
20	rity interests of the United States.
21	(h) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE SANC-
22	TIONS.—The authority to impose sanctions under this sec-
23	tion with respect to a foreign person described in sub-
24	section (b) shall terminate on the date on which the Presi-
25	dent certifies to the appropriate congressional committees

1	that an independent, unimpeded investigation into the po-
2	tential origin of COVID-19 from the Wuhan Institute of
3	Virology has taken place.
4	(i) Exception Relating to Importation of
5	Goods.—
6	(1) In general.—The authorities and require-
7	ments to impose sanctions under this section shall
8	not include the authority or requirement to impose
9	sanctions on the importation of goods.
10	(2) GOOD DEFINED.—In this subsection, the
11	term "good" means any article, natural or man-
12	made substance, material, supply or manufactured
13	product, including inspection and test equipment
14	and excluding technical data.
15	SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON NEW CONTRACTS.
16	(a) Institutions of Higher Education.—
17	(1) IN GENERAL.—No Federal funds may be
18	made available to an institution of higher education
19	(as defined in section 102 of the Higher Education
20	Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)) that enters into a
21	contract with—
22	(A) any element or department of the Na-
23	tional Health Commission of the People's Re-
24	public of China;

1	(B) any agency or office that reports to
2	the National Health Commission of the People's
3	Republic of China; or
4	(C) any Chinese-based entity affiliated
5	with the National Health Commission of the
6	People's Republic of China.
7	(2) Program participation agreements
8	UNDER THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT OF 1965.—Sec-
9	tion 487(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
10	(20 U.S.C. 1094(a)) is amended by adding at the
11	end the following:
12	"(30) The institution will not enter into a con-
13	tract with—
14	"(A) any element or department of the Na-
15	tional Health Commission of the People's Re-
16	public of China;
17	"(B) any agency or office that reports to
18	the National Health Commission of the People's
19	Republic of China; or
20	"(C) any Chinese-based entity affiliated
21	with the National Health Commission of the
22	People's Republic of China.".
23	(b) NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.—No Federal
24	funds made available to the National Academy of Sciences
25	may be used to enter into a contract with—

1	(1) any element or department of the National
2	Health Commission of the People's Republic of
3	China;
4	(2) any agency or office that reports to the Na-
5	tional Health Commission of the People's Republic
6	of China; or
7	(3) any Chinese-based entity affiliated with the
8	National Health Commission of the People's Repub-
9	lic of China.
10	SEC. 4. REVIEW OF NIH FUNDING.
11	Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment
12	of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States,
13	in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence,
14	shall—
15	(1) conduct a full review of all funds made
16	available by the National Institutes of Health, di-
17	rectly or indirectly, during or after fiscal year 2010,
18	to—
19	(A) the National Health Commission of the
20	People's Republic of China;
21	(B) any agency or office that reports to
22	the National Health Commission of the People's
23	Republic of China; or

1	(C) any Chinese-based entity that is affili-
2	ated with the National Health Commission of
3	the People's Republic of China;
4	(2) make publicly available, and submit to the
5	Congress, a report on the results of such review; and
6	(3) in such report, clearly identify any funds
7	described in paragraph (1) that were used for gain
8	of function research.
9	SEC. 5. SENSE OF CONGRESS.
10	It is the sense of Congress that given Taiwan's early
11	alerting to the global health community on the dangers
12	of COVID-19 while senior officials in the Chinese Com-
13	munist Party downplayed COVID-19 Taiwan should be
14	granted observer status in the World Health Assembly
15	(WHA).
16	SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS.
17	In this Act:
18	(1) Admitted; Alien.—The terms "admitted"
19	and "alien" have the meanings given those terms in
20	section 101 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
21	(8 U.S.C. 1001).
22	(2) Appropriate congressional commit-
23	TEES.—The term "appropriate congressional com-
24	mittees" means—

1	(A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
2	Committee on Appropriations, and the Com-
3	mittee on Financial Services of the House of
4	Representatives; and
5	(B) the Committee on Foreign Relations
6	the Committee on Appropriations, and the
7	Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban
8	Affairs of the Senate.
9	(3) Foreign person.—The term "foreign per-
10	son" means a person that is not a United States
11	person.
12	(4) Intelligence community.—The term
13	"intelligence community" has the meaning given
14	that term in section 3(4) of the National Security
15	Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003(4)).
16	(5) Knowingly.—The term "knowingly"
17	means, with respect to conduct, a circumstance, or
18	a result, that a person has actual knowledge, or
19	should have known, of the conduct, the cir-
20	cumstance, or the result.
21	(6) Person.—The term "person" means an in-
22	dividual or entity.
23	(7) United states person.—The term
24	"United States person" means—

1	(A) a United States citizen, an alien law-
2	fully admitted for permanent residence to the
3	United States, or any other individual subject
4	to the jurisdiction of the United States;
5	(B) an entity organized under the laws of
6	the United States or of any jurisdiction within
7	the United States, including a foreign branch of
8	such entity; or
9	(C) any person in the United States.

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