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H. R. 497

To prohibit the use of funds to seek membership in the World Health Organization or to provide assessed or voluntary contributions to the World Health Organization.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ARRINGTON (for himself, Mr. BANKS, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. HICE of Georgia, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. BUDD, Mr. TIFFANY, and Mr. BAIRD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO SEEK**
2 **MEMBERSHIP IN THE WORLD HEALTH ORGA-**
3 **NIZATION OR TO PROVIDE ASSESSED OR VOL-**
4 **UNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WORLD**
5 **HEALTH ORGANIZATION.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
7 sion of law, no funds available to any Federal department
8 or agency may be used to seek membership by the United
9 States in the World Health Organization or to provide as-
10 sessed or voluntary contributions to the World Health Or-
11 ganization until such time as the President certifies to
12 Congress that the World Health Organization meets the
13 conditions described in subsection (b).

14 (b) CONDITIONS DESCRIBED.—The conditions de-
15 scribed in this subsection are the following:

16 (1) The World Health Organization has adopt-
17 ed meaningful reforms to ensure that humanitarian
18 assistance is not politicized and is to be provided to
19 those with the most need.

20 (2) The World Health Organization is not
21 under the control or significant malign influence of
22 the Chinese Communist Party.

23 (3) The World Health Organization is not in-
24 volved in a coverup of the Chinese Communist Par-
25 ty's response to the COVID–19 pandemic.

1 (4) The World Health Organization grants ob-
2 server status to Taiwan.

3 (5) The World Health Organization does not di-
4 vert humanitarian or medical supplies to Iran, North
5 Korea, or Syria.

6 (6) The World Health Organization has put in
7 place mechanisms to increase transparency and ac-
8 countability in its operations and eliminate waste,
9 fraud, and abuse.

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