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## H. R. 992

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. Good of Virginia (for himself, Ms. Herrell, Mr. Hice of Georgia, Mr. Gohmert, and Mr. Baird) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 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

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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 "No Taxpayer Funding
- 5 for the Chinese Communist Party Act of 2021".
- 6 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.
- 7 Congress finds the following:

- 1 (1) United States taxpayer-funded research
  2 should not be used to benefit the People's Republic
  3 of China, especially as China undertakes the largest
  4 theft of intellectual property in history, as was stat5 ed by Secretary of Defense Mark Esper.
  - (2) According to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, there were more than 35,000 foreign nationals including 10,000 from China conducting research in the Department of Energy's National Labs.
  - (3) According to the Department of Education "one university received research funding from a Chinese multinational conglomerate to develop new algorithms and advanced biometric security techniques for crowd surveillance capabilities," while another "had multiple contracts with the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China".
  - (4) The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate found in a November 2019 report that "American taxpayer funded research has contributed to China's global rise over the last 20 years".
  - (5) The Federal Bureau of Investigation has found that China's government has used some students and professors in science, technology, engi-

- 1 neering, and math (STEM) fields as nontraditional 2 collectors of intellectual property, but has also noted 3 that "the vast majority of the 1.4 million international scholars on U.S. campuses pose no threat to their host institutions, fellow classmates, or re-6 search fields. On the contrary, these international 7 visitors represent valuable contributors to their cam-8 puses' achievements, providing financial benefits, di-9 versity of ideas, sought expertise, and opportunities 10 for cross-cultural exchange".
- 11 SEC. 3. REPORT ON CHINA BENEFITTING FROM UNITED
- 12 STATES TAXPAYER-FUNDED RESEARCH.
- 13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
- 14 date of enactment of the Act, the Attorney General, in
- 15 consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Sec-
- 16 retary of Commerce, the Secretary of State, and the Direc-
- 17 tor of National Intelligence, shall submit to the Committee
- 18 on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and the
- 19 Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate a report on the
- 20 extent to which China has benefitted from United States
- 21 taxpayer-funded research.
- 22 (b) Elements.—The report under subsection (a)
- 23 shall include the following:
- 24 (1) The extent to which United States tax-
- 25 payer-funded research has benefitted China, includ-

- ing a list of United States Government-funded entities, such as research institutions, laboratories, and
  institutions of higher education, which have hired
  Chinese nationals or allowed Chinese nationals to
  conduct research, including an estimate in the number of nationals hired or involved in research
  projects.
- 9 grams, grants, and other forms of research funding 10 in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and 11 math (STEM) fields that have directly or indirectly 12 cooperated or affiliated with research institutions in 13 China or Chinese Communist Party entities.
  - (3) The extent to which China's funding of United States taxpayer-funded research institutions has benefitted China.
  - (4) How the Government of China and the Chinese Communist Party have used United States taxpayer-funded research, including as part of China's efforts to support "civil-military fusion" and human rights abuses.
- 22 (c) Definition.—In this Act, the term "United 23 States taypayer-funded research" means research—
- (1) funded by a grant from the Federal Govern ment or a State government; or

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1 (2) conducted at an institution that receives 2 funding from the Federal Government or a State 3 government.

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