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# H. R. 820

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 2, 2023

Ms. STEFANIK (for herself, Mr. GALLAGHER, and Mr. KHANNA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

To direct the Federal Communications Commission to publish a list of entities that hold authorizations, licenses, or other grants of authority issued by the Commission and that have certain foreign ownership, 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.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Foreign Adversary  
3 Communications Transparency Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. LIST OF ENTITIES HOLDING FCC AUTHORIZATIONS,  
5 LICENSES, OR OTHER GRANTS OF AUTHOR-  
6 ITY AND HAVING CERTAIN FOREIGN OWNER-  
7 SHIP.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the  
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Commission shall  
10 publish on the internet website of the Commission a list  
11 of each entity—

12 (1) that holds a license issued by the Commis-  
13 sion pursuant to—

14 (A) section 309(j) of the Communications  
15 Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 309(j)); or

16 (B) the Act of May 27, 1921 (47 U.S.C.  
17 34 et seq.; commonly known as the “Cable  
18 Landing Licensing Act”) and Executive Order  
19 10530 (3 U.S.C. 301 note; relating to the per-  
20 formance of certain functions vested in or sub-  
21 ject to the approval of the President); and

22 (2) with respect to which—

23 (A) a covered entity holds an equity or vot-  
24 ing interest that is required to be reported to  
25 the Commission under the ownership rules of  
26 the Commission; or

1 (B) an appropriate national security agen-  
2 cy has determined that a covered entity exerts  
3 control, regardless of whether such covered enti-  
4 ty holds an equity or voting interest as de-  
5 scribed in subparagraph (A).

6 (b) RULEMAKING.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months  
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
9 Commission shall issue rules to obtain information  
10 to identify each entity—

11 (A) that holds any authorization, license,  
12 or other grant of authority issued by the Com-  
13 mission (other than a license described in sub-  
14 section (a)(1)); and

15 (B) with respect to which a covered entity  
16 holds an equity or voting interest that is re-  
17 quired to be reported to the Commission under  
18 the ownership rules of the Commission.

19 (2) PLACEMENT ON LIST.—Not later than 1  
20 year after the Commission issues the rules required  
21 by paragraph (1), the Commission shall place each  
22 entity described in such paragraph on the list pub-  
23 lished under subsection (a).

24 (c) PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT EXEMPTION.—A  
25 collection of information conducted or sponsored by the

1 Commission to implement this section does not constitute  
2 a collection of information for the purposes of subchapter  
3 I of chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code (commonly  
4 referred to as the “Paperwork Reduction Act”).

5 (d) ANNUAL UPDATES.—The Commission shall, not  
6 less frequently than annually, update the list published  
7 under subsection (a), including with respect to any entity  
8 required to be placed on such list by subsection (b)(2).

9 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) APPROPRIATE NATIONAL SECURITY AGEN-  
11 CY.—The term “appropriate national security agen-  
12 cy” has the meaning given such term in section 9  
13 of the Secure and Trusted Communications Net-  
14 works Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C. 1608).

15 (2) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”  
16 means the Federal Communications Commission.

17 (3) COVERED COUNTRY.—The term “covered  
18 country” means a country specified in section  
19 4872(d)(2) of title 10, United States Code.

20 (4) COVERED ENTITY.—The term “covered en-  
21 tity” means—

22 (A) the government of a covered country;

23 (B) an entity organized under the laws of  
24 a covered country; and

1                   (C) a subsidiary or affiliate of an entity  
2                   described in subparagraph (B), regardless of  
3                   whether the subsidiary or affiliate is organized  
4                   under the laws of a covered country.