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To require the imposition of sanctions with respect to censorship and related activities against citizens of the People's Republic of China.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CRUZ introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 "Ending Medical Cen-  
5 sorship and Cover Ups in China Act of 2020".

1 **SEC. 2. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO CEN-**  
2 **SORSHIP AND RELATED ACTIVITIES AGAINST**  
3 **CITIZENS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF**  
4 **CHINA.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The President shall impose the  
6 sanctions described in subsection (c) with respect to each  
7 person on the list required by subsection (b).

8 (b) **LIST REQUIRED.**—

9 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 90 days after  
10 the date of the enactment of this Act, the President  
11 shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-  
12 mittees a list of persons that the President deter-  
13 mines have, on or after such date of enactment, en-  
14 gaged in censorship or other activities with respect  
15 to the People's Republic of China that—

16 (A) prohibit, limit, or penalize the exercise  
17 of freedom of expression or assembly by citizens  
18 of the People's Republic of China, including  
19 prohibitions, limitations, or penalties related to  
20 the use of social media;

21 (B) penalize citizens of the People's Re-  
22 public of China for the public dissemination of  
23 accurate epidemiological information, including  
24 information related to emerging diseases or  
25 pathogens; or

1           (C) limit access to print, broadcast, digital,  
2           or social media.

3           (2) UPDATES OF LIST.—The President shall  
4           submit to the appropriate congressional committees  
5           an updated list under paragraph (1) not less fre-  
6           quently than annually and as new information be-  
7           comes available.

8           (3) FORM OF REPORT; PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—

9           (A) FORM.—Each list required by this  
10          subsection shall be submitted in unclassified  
11          form but may include a classified annex.

12          (B) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The unclassi-  
13          fied portion of a list required by this subsection  
14          shall be posted on publicly available websites of  
15          the Department of the Treasury and the De-  
16          partment of State.

17          (c) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—

18          (1) IN GENERAL.—The sanctions described in  
19          this subsection are the following:

20          (A) PROPERTY BLOCKING.—The President  
21          shall, pursuant to the International Emergency  
22          Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.),  
23          block and prohibit all transactions in property  
24          and interests in property of a person on the list  
25          required by subsection (b) if such property and

1 interests in property are in the United States,  
2 come within the United States, or are or come  
3 within the possession or control of a United  
4 States person.

5 (B) ALIENS INELIGIBLE FOR VISAS, AD-  
6 MISSION, OR PAROLE.—

7 (i) EXCLUSION FROM THE UNITED  
8 STATES.—The Secretary of State shall  
9 deny a visa to, and the Secretary of Home-  
10 land Security shall exclude from the  
11 United States, any alien on the list re-  
12 quired by subsection (b).

13 (ii) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—

14 (I) IN GENERAL.—The issuing  
15 consular officer, the Secretary of  
16 State, or the Secretary of Homeland  
17 Security (or a designee of any such  
18 officer or Secretary) shall revoke any  
19 visa or other entry documentation  
20 issued to an alien on the list required  
21 by subsection (b), regardless of when  
22 the visa or other documentation was  
23 issued.

24 (II) EFFECT OF REVOCATION.—

25 A revocation under subclause (I) shall

1 take effect immediately and shall  
2 automatically cancel any other valid  
3 visa or entry documentation that is in  
4 the alien's possession.

5 (2) INAPPLICABILITY OF NATIONAL EMER-  
6 GENCY REQUIREMENT.—The requirements under  
7 section 202 of the International Emergency Eco-  
8 nomic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701) shall not apply  
9 for purposes of paragraph (1)(A).

10 (d) EXCEPTIONS.—

11 (1) INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES.—This section  
12 shall not apply with respect to activities subject to  
13 the reporting requirements under title V of the Na-  
14 tional Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3091 et seq.)  
15 or any authorized intelligence activities of the United  
16 States.

17 (2) COMPLIANCE WITH UNITED NATIONS HEAD-  
18 QUARTERS AGREEMENT.—Subsection (e)(1)(B) shall  
19 not apply with respect to the admission of an alien  
20 to the United States if such admission is necessary  
21 to comply with United States obligations under the  
22 Agreement between the United Nations and the  
23 United States of America regarding the Head-  
24 quarters of the United Nations, signed at Lake Suc-  
25 cess June 26, 1947, and entered into force Novem-

1 ber 21, 1947, under the Convention on Consular Re-  
2 lations, done at Vienna April 24, 1963, and entered  
3 into force March 19, 1967, or under other inter-  
4 national obligations.

5 (c) IMPLEMENTATION; PENALTIES.—

6 (1) IMPLEMENTATION.—The President may ex-  
7 ercise all authorities provided under sections 203  
8 and 205 of the International Emergency Economic  
9 Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704) to carry out  
10 this section.

11 (2) PENALTIES.—A person that violates, at-  
12 tempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a  
13 violation of subsection (c)(1)(A) or any regulation,  
14 license, or order issued to carry out that subsection  
15 shall be subject to the penalties set forth in sub-  
16 sections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the Inter-  
17 national Emergency Economic Powers Act (50  
18 U.S.C. 1705) to the same extent as a person that  
19 commits an unlawful act described in subsection (a)  
20 of that section.

21 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) ADMISSION; ADMITTED; ALIEN.—The terms  
23 “admission”, “admitted”, and “alien” have the  
24 meanings given those terms in section 101 of the  
25 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101).

1           (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
2           TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
3           mittees” means—

4                   (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations,  
5                   the Committee on Banking, Housing, and  
6                   Urban Affairs, the Committee on Finance, and  
7                   the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
8                   Transportation of the Senate; and

9                   (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the  
10                  Committee on Financial Services, the Com-  
11                  mittee on Ways and Means, and the Committee  
12                  on Science, Space, and Technology of the  
13                  House of Representatives.

14           (3) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term  
15           “United States person” means—

16                   (A) a United States citizen or an alien law-  
17                   fully admitted to the United States for perma-  
18                   nent residence; or

19                   (B) an entity organized under the laws of  
20                   the United States or any jurisdiction within the  
21                   United States.