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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Countering Chinese Attempts at Snooping (C-CAS) Act of 2020”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The Chinese Communist Party utilizes techniques of technology-facilitated surveillance and social control that are in critical ways developed, built,
and maintained on its behalf by Chinese technology firms such as Huawei, Tencent, ZTE, Alibaba, and Baidu.

(2) Chinese technology firms such as Huawei, Tencent, ZTE, Alibaba, and Baidu have no recourse but to assist the Chinese Communist Party with securing access to foreign technologies and foreign networks, conducting espionage including commercial espionage, and gaining insight into the profiles, activity, or location of foreign users of Chinese-hosted or facilitated social media, computer or smartphone applications, or telecommunications.

(3) Documents detailing Chinese military-civil fusion have expressed appreciation for the assistance of Chinese technology firms such as Huawei, Tencent, Alibaba, and Baidu for assisting in the development of military industrial capabilities.

SEC. 3. LISTING OF COVERED ENTITIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, shall compile a list of each technology company that—

(1) is domiciled in the People’s Republic of China or subject to influence or control by the Government of the People Republic of China or the
Communist Party of the People’s Republic of China;

and

(2) assists the Government of the People’s Republic of China or the Communist Party of the People’s Republic of China with—

(A) technology-facilitated surveillance of foreign persons or companies;

(B) accessing foreign networks; or

(C) gaining insight into the profiles, activity, or location of foreign users of Chinese-hosted or facilitated social media, computer or smartphone applications, or telecommunications.

(b) Submission to Congress.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter and as more information becomes available, the Secretary of State shall submit to Congress the list compiled under subsection (a).

(c) Form.—The list under subsection (a) shall be in unclassified form but may contain a classified annex.

SEC. 4. RESTRICTION ON USE OF COVERED ENTITY TECHNOLOGY BY UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

No funds may be expended by an employee or officer of the United States to conduct official business over any social media, computer or smartphone application, or tele-
communications technology produced, operated, or hosted by a company included in the list compiled under section 3.

SEC. 5. RESTRICTION ON UNITED NATIONS FUNDING.

Funds appropriated for any fiscal year for the Department of State may not be used for payment by the United States, as its contribution toward the assessed budget of the United Nations for any year, or to a United Nations agency, of any amount that would cause the total amount paid by the United States as its assessed contribution for that year to exceed the amount assessed as the United States contribution for that year less the total amount budgeted by the United Nations, or by a United Nations agency, as the case may be, that year for contracts with companies included in the list compiled under section 3.