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To direct the Secretary of State to provide to Congress a briefing and report on the support of the People's Republic of China for Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. KIM of California (for herself, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. OWENS, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. GARBARINO, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. KATKO, Mr. FALLON, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma, and Mr. MANN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Direct Investigations
3 on China, Take Action To Oppose Russia Act of 2022”
4 or the “DICTATOR Act of 2022”.

5 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

6 Congress makes the following findings:

7 (1) The People’s Republic of China (in this sec-
8 tion referred to as the “PRC”) and the Russian
9 Federation have, in recent years, forged a closer re-
10 lationship, based largely on their shared interest in
11 challenging the rules-based international order, in an
12 attempt to reshape that order into one that is more
13 welcoming to their authoritarian systems of govern-
14 ment.

15 (2) On February 4, 2022, the PRC and Rus-
16 sian Federation issued a Joint Statement on the
17 International Relations Entering a New Era and the
18 Global Sustainable Development, which stated that
19 “friendship between the two States has no limits”
20 and that “there are no forbidden areas of coopera-
21 tion”.

22 (3) In their Joint Statement, the PRC and the
23 Russian Federation reaffirmed support for state sov-
24 ereignty and territorial integrity and called on all
25 countries to protect international law.

1 (4) Per media reporting, leading up to Russia’s
2 unprovoked invasion of Ukraine, United States offi-
3 cials held multiple meetings with PRC officials pre-
4 senting intelligence showing Russian troop buildup
5 around Ukraine and requested Chinese assistance in
6 urging the Russian Federation not to attack
7 Ukraine.

8 (5) A March 2, 2022, New York Times article
9 reported that senior Chinese officials told senior
10 Russian officials in early February 2022 not to in-
11 vade Ukraine before the end of the Winter Olympics
12 in Beijing.

13 (6) The New York Times reported that PRC of-
14 ficials later shared United States intelligence with
15 Russia and stated that the United States “was try-
16 ing to sow discord and that China would not try to
17 impede Russian plans and actions”.

18 (7) On February 21, 2022, President Vladimir
19 Putin of the Russian Federation declared unilateral
20 recognition of the Donetsk and Luhansk separatist
21 regions of Ukraine and ordered Russian troops to
22 enter those regions in a further invasion of Ukraine
23 to carry out “peacekeeping functions”.

24 (8) On February 24, 2022, Russian forces
25 launched an unprovoked large-scale further invasion

1 of Ukraine with the goal of taking over major cities,
2 including the capital city of Kyiv, by military force.

3 (9) The PRC’s Foreign Ministry spokesperson
4 refused to categorize Russia’s attacks as an “inva-
5 sion” and referred repeatedly to the Russian Fed-
6 eration’s statements on Ukraine.

7 (10) On February 24, 2022, the PRC an-
8 nounced it would lift restrictions on wheat imports
9 from Russia to ease the impact of sanctions on Rus-
10 sia’s invasion of Ukraine.

11 (11) Russian forces are reported to have tar-
12 geted civilian population centers and launched at-
13 tacks without regard for civilian casualties, some of
14 which may constitute war crimes.

15 (12) On March 2, 2022, the Chief Prosecutor
16 of the International Criminal Court announced an
17 investigation into possible war crimes committed in
18 Ukraine after a referral by 39 member states.

19 (13) On March 2, 2022, Chinese Foreign Min-
20 ister Wang Yi recognized the conflict in Ukraine as
21 a “war” and expressed that China was “extremely
22 concerned” about the harm to civilians in Ukraine.

23 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

24 It is the sense of Congress that—

1 (1) the Government and entities associated with
2 People’s Republic of China who assist the Russian
3 Federation or Russian oligarchs in evading sanctions
4 imposed following the Russian invasion of Ukraine
5 are, in so doing, supporting the Russian Federa-
6 tion’s unprovoked attack on Ukraine and the
7 Ukrainian people, including alleged war crimes com-
8 mitted by Russian Armed Forces against unarmed
9 civilians; and

10 (2) the President should impose sanctions on
11 those entities found to have aided the Russian Fed-
12 eration or Russian oligarchs in evading sanctions im-
13 posed by the United States and allied nations fol-
14 lowing the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

15 **SEC. 4. REPORT ON PRC SUPPORT FOR RUSSIA’S INVASION**
16 **OF UKRAINE.**

17 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date
18 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall
19 submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House
20 of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Rela-
21 tions of the Senate a report on entities in the People’s
22 Republic of China that have assisted, or continue to assist,
23 the Russian Federation in evading sanctions imposed by
24 the United States following the Russian invasion of
25 Ukraine.

1 (b) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The report under sub-
2 section (a) shall include each of the following:

3 (1) An assessment of the actions the Govern-
4 ment of the People’s Republic of China and the Chi-
5 nese Communist Party may have taken to assist the
6 Russian Federation in evading sanctions imposed by
7 the United States following the further invasion of
8 Ukraine.

9 (2) An assessment of the extent to which enti-
10 ties affiliated with the People’s Republic of China
11 and the Chinese Communist Party may have as-
12 sisted the Russian Federation in evading sanctions
13 imposed by the United States following the further
14 invasion of Ukraine.

15 (3) A list of the entities referred to in para-
16 graph (2).

17 (4) An assessment of the actions the Depart-
18 ment of State and other relevant departments have
19 taken to address the actions described in paragraphs
20 (1) and (2).

21 (5) An account of the changes and improve-
22 ments the Secretary of State plans to make to the
23 United States strategy to confront Russian aggres-
24 sion in Ukraine by economically isolating the Rus-

1 sian Federation from outside support and economic
2 assistance from the People’s Republic of China.

3 (c) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required by this
4 section shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may
5 contain a classified annex.

6 **SEC. 5. BRIEFINGS TO CONGRESS ON PRC SUPPORT FOR**
7 **RUSSIA’S INVASION OF UKRAINE.**

8 (a) INITIAL BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after
9 the date of the enactment of this Act, senior officials from
10 the Department of State, the Office of the Director of Na-
11 tional Intelligence, and other relevant Federal depart-
12 ments shall provide to the Committee on Foreign Affairs
13 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
14 Foreign Relations of the Senate a briefing on efforts being
15 taken by the United States to identify and sanction enti-
16 ties in the People’s Republic of China found to have as-
17 sisted the Russian Federation in evading sanctions im-
18 posed by the United States following the Russian invasion
19 of Ukraine.

20 (b) POST-REPORT BRIEFING.—Not later than 30
21 days after the submission of the report required under sec-
22 tion 4, senior officials from the Department of State, the
23 Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and other
24 relevant Federal departments shall provide to the Com-
25 mittee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives

1 and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate
2 a briefing on the contents of the report and steps being
3 taken by the United States Government to pursue a strat-
4 egy to confront Russian aggression in Ukraine by eco-
5 nomically isolating the Russian Federation from outside
6 support and economic assistance from the People's Repub-
7 lic of China.

8 (c) FORM OF BRIEFING.—A briefing under sub-
9 section (a) or (b)—

10 (1) shall be provided in an unclassified setting;

11 and

12 (2) may be accompanied by a separate classified
13 briefing, as appropriate.

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