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To prohibit data brokers from transferring sensitive data of United States individuals to foreign adversaries, and for other purposes.

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Mr. PALLONE (for himself and Mrs. RODGERS of Washington) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Protecting Americans’
5 Data from Foreign Adversaries Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON TRANSFER OF SENSITIVE DATA**
7 **OF UNITED STATES INDIVIDUALS TO FOR-**
8 **EIGN ADVERSARIES.**

9 (a) PROHIBITION.—It shall be unlawful for a data
10 broker to sell, license, rent, trade, transfer, release, dis-

1 close, provide access to, or otherwise make available sen-
2 sitive data of a United States individual to—

3 (1) any foreign adversary country; or

4 (2) any entity that is controlled by a foreign ad-
5 versary.

6 (b) ENFORCEMENT BY FEDERAL TRADE COMMIS-
7 SION.—

8 (1) UNFAIR OR DECEPTIVE ACTS OR PRAC-
9 TICES.—A violation of this section shall be treated
10 as a violation of a rule defining an unfair or a de-
11 ceptive act or practice under section 18(a)(1)(B) of
12 the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C.
13 57a(a)(1)(B)).

14 (2) POWERS OF COMMISSION.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall
16 enforce this section in the same manner, by the
17 same means, and with the same jurisdiction,
18 powers, and duties as though all applicable
19 terms and provisions of the Federal Trade
20 Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 41 et seq.) were in-
21 corporated into and made a part of this section.

22 (B) PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES.—Any
23 person who violates this section shall be subject
24 to the penalties and entitled to the privileges

1 and immunities provided in the Federal Trade
2 Commission Act.

3 (3) AUTHORITY PRESERVED.—Nothing in this
4 section may be construed to limit the authority of
5 the Commission under any other provision of law.

6 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
8 means the Federal Trade Commission.

9 (2) CONTROLLED BY A FOREIGN ADVERSARY.—
10 The term “controlled by a foreign adversary” means,
11 with respect to an entity, that such entity is—

12 (A) a foreign person that is domiciled in,
13 is headquartered in, has its principal place of
14 business in, or is organized under the laws of
15 a foreign adversary country;

16 (B) an entity with respect to which a for-
17 eign person or combination of foreign persons
18 described in subparagraph (A) directly or indi-
19 rectly own at least a 20 percent stake; or

20 (C) a person subject to the direction or
21 control of a foreign person or entity described
22 in subparagraph (A) or (B).

23 (3) DATA BROKER.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “data
25 broker” means an entity that, for valuable con-

1 sideration, sells, licenses, rents, trades, trans-
2 fers, releases, discloses, provides access to, or
3 otherwise makes available data of United States
4 individuals, that the entity did not collect di-
5 rectly from such individuals, to another entity
6 that is not acting as a service provider.

7 (B) EXCLUSION.—The term “data broker”
8 does not include an entity to the extent such
9 entity—

10 (i) is transmitting data, including
11 communications of a United States indi-
12 vidual at the request or direction of such
13 individual;

14 (ii) is reporting, publishing, or other-
15 wise making available news or information
16 that is available to the general public, in-
17 cluding information from a telephone book
18 or online directory, a television, internet,
19 or radio program, the news media, or an
20 internet site that is available to the general
21 public on an unrestricted basis, but not in-
22 cluding an obscene visual depiction (as
23 such term is used in section 1460 of title
24 18, United States Code); or

25 (iii) is acting as a service provider.

1 (4) FOREIGN ADVERSARY COUNTRY.—The term
2 “foreign adversary country” means a country speci-
3 fied in section 4872(d)(2) of title 10, United States
4 Code.

5 (5) PRECISE GEOLOCATION INFORMATION.—
6 The term “precise geolocation information” means
7 information that—

8 (A) is derived from a device or technology;
9 and

10 (B) reveals the past or present physical lo-
11 cation of an individual or device that identifies
12 or is linked or reasonably linkable to 1 or more
13 individuals, with sufficient precision to identify
14 street level location information of an individual
15 or device or the location of an individual or de-
16 vice within a range of 1,850 feet or less.

17 (6) SENSITIVE DATA.—The term “sensitive
18 data” includes the following:

19 (A) A government-issued identifier, such as
20 a Social Security number, passport number, or
21 driver’s license number.

22 (B) Any information that describes or re-
23 veals the past, present, or future physical
24 health, mental health, disability, diagnosis, or

1 healthcare condition or treatment of an indi-
2 vidual.

3 (C) A financial account number, debit card
4 number, credit card number, or information
5 that describes or reveals the income level or
6 bank account balances of an individual.

7 (D) Biometric information.

8 (E) Genetic information.

9 (F) Precise geolocation information.

10 (G) An individual's private communica-
11 tions such as voicemails, emails, texts, direct
12 messages, mail, voice communications, and
13 video communications, or information identi-
14 fying the parties to such communications or
15 pertaining to the transmission of such commu-
16 nications, including telephone numbers called,
17 telephone numbers from which calls were
18 placed, the time calls were made, call duration,
19 and location information of the parties to the
20 call.

21 (H) Account or device log-in credentials, or
22 security or access codes for an account or de-
23 vice.

24 (I) Information identifying the sexual be-
25 havior of an individual.

1 (J) Calendar information, address book in-
2 formation, phone or text logs, photos, audio re-
3 cordings, or videos, maintained for private use
4 by an individual, regardless of whether such in-
5 formation is stored on the individual's device or
6 is accessible from that device and is backed up
7 in a separate location.

8 (K) A photograph, film, video recording, or
9 other similar medium that shows the naked or
10 undergarment-clad private area of an indi-
11 vidual.

12 (L) Information revealing the video con-
13 tent requested or selected by an individual.

14 (M) Information about an individual under
15 the age of 17.

16 (N) An individual's race, color, ethnicity,
17 or religion.

18 (O) Information identifying an individual's
19 online activities over time and across websites
20 or online services.

21 (P) Information that reveals the status of
22 an individual as a member of the Armed
23 Forces.

24 (Q) Any other data that a data broker
25 sells, licenses, rents, trades, transfers, releases,

1 discloses, provides access to, or otherwise makes
2 available to a foreign adversary country, or en-
3 tity that is controlled by a foreign adversary,
4 for the purpose of identifying the types of data
5 listed in subparagraphs (A) through (P).

6 (7) SERVICE PROVIDER.—The term “service
7 provider” means an entity that—

8 (A) collects, processes, or transfers data on
9 behalf of, and at the direction of—

10 (i) an entity that is not a data broker
11 and is not controlled by a foreign adver-
12 sary; or

13 (ii) a Federal, State, Tribal, terri-
14 torial, or local government entity; and

15 (B) receives data from or on behalf of an
16 entity described in subparagraph (A)(i) or a
17 Federal, State, Tribal, territorial, or local gov-
18 ernment entity.

19 (8) UNITED STATES INDIVIDUAL.—The term
20 “United States individual” means a natural person
21 residing in the United States.

22 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect
23 on the date that is 60 days after the date of the enactment
24 of this Act.

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