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**AN ACT**

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Foreign Adversary  
5 Communications Transparency Act”.

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

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

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

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

13 (B) the Act of May 27, 1921 (47 U.S.C.  
14 34 et seq.; commonly known as the “Cable  
15 Landing Licensing Act”) and Executive Order  
16 10530 (3 U.S.C. 301 note; relating to the per-  
17 formance of certain functions vested in or sub-  
18 ject to the approval of the President); and

19 (2) with respect to which—

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

24 (B) an appropriate national security agen-  
25 cy has determined that a covered entity exerts  
26 control, regardless of whether such covered enti-

1           ty holds an equity or voting interest as de-  
2           scribed in subparagraph (A).

3       (b) RULEMAKING.—

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

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

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

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

21       (c) PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT EXEMPTION.—A  
22       collection of information conducted or sponsored by the  
23       Commission to implement this section does not constitute  
24       a collection of information for the purposes of subchapter

1 I of chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code (commonly  
2 referred to as the “Paperwork Reduction Act”).

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

7 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

13 (2) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”  
14 means the Federal Communications Commission.

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

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

20 (A) the government of a covered country;

21 (B) an entity organized under the laws of  
22 a covered country; and

23 (C) a subsidiary or affiliate of an entity  
24 described in subparagraph (B), regardless of

1           whether the subsidiary or affiliate is organized  
2           under the laws of a covered country.

Passed the House of Representatives September 9,  
2024.

Attest:                   KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
*Clerk.*

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