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S. 1972

To prohibit Federal funding for research centers and laboratories in which
nationals of countries of concern conduct agricultural research.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 5, 2025

Mr. COTTON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

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tories in which nationals of countries of concern conduct
agricultural research.

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 “Bioweapon Prevention
5 Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON FUNDING FOR RESEARCH CEN-**
 2 **TERS AND LABORATORIES IN WHICH NATION-**
 3 **ALS OF COUNTRIES OF CONCERN CONDUCT**
 4 **AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—No Federal funding shall be avail-
 6 able to any research center or laboratory in which a na-
 7 tional of a country of concern conducts agricultural re-
 8 search.

9 (b) DEFINITION OF COUNTRY OF CONCERN.—In this
 10 section, the term “country of concern” means—

- 11 (1) the Republic of Cuba;
- 12 (2) the Islamic Republic of Iran;
- 13 (3) the Russian Federation;
- 14 (4) the People’s Republic of China, including
- 15 the Special Administrative Region of Hong Kong
- 16 and the Special Administrative Region of Macau;
- 17 (5) the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; and
- 18 (6) the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.

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