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S. 2565

To prohibit the District of Columbia government from entering into Sister City relationships with jurisdictions located in foreign adversary countries, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. BLACKBURN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “District of Columbia
5 Sister City Integrity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING “SISTER CITY” RELATIONSHIPS BE-**
2 **TWEEN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND FOR-**
3 **EIGN ADVERSARIES.**

4 (a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “foreign
5 adversary country” has the meaning given the term “cov-
6 ered nation” in section 4872(f)(2) of title 10, United
7 States Code.

8 (b) PROHIBITION.—The District of Columbia govern-
9 ment may not enter into any Sister City relationship with
10 a jurisdiction located in a foreign adversary country.

11 (c) TREATMENT OF EXISTING RELATIONSHIPS.—If
12 a Sister City relationship between the District of Columbia
13 and a jurisdiction located in a foreign adversary country
14 is in effect on the date of enactment of this Act, the Dis-
15 trict of Columbia shall terminate the relationship not later
16 than the earlier of—

17 (1) the date provided under the terms of the re-
18 lationship; or

19 (2) 180 days after the date of enactment of this
20 Act.

21 (d) LOSS OF CERTAIN FUNDS.—The District of Co-
22 lumbia may not use any Federal funds to provide liaison
23 and outreach services to the diplomatic and international
24 communities unless the District certifies to the President
25 that the District is in compliance with this Act.

