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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.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. LUJÁN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “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) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

11 (2) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
12 means the Federal Communications Commission.

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

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

18 (A) the government of a covered country;

19 (B) an entity organized under the laws of
20 a covered country; and

21 (C) a subsidiary of an entity described in
22 subparagraph (B), regardless of whether the
23 subsidiary is organized under the laws of a cov-
24 ered country.

25 (b) PUBLICATION OF LIST.—Not later than 120 days
26 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commis-

1 sion shall publish on the internet website of the Commis-
 2 sion a list of each entity—

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

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

7 (B) the Act of May 27, 1921 (47 U.S.C.
 8 34 et seq.; commonly known as the “Cable
 9 Landing Licensing Act”) and Executive Order
 10 10530 (3 U.S.C. 301 note; relating to the per-
 11 formance of certain functions vested in or sub-
 12 ject to the approval of the President); and

13 (2) with respect to which—

14 (A) a covered entity holds an equity or vot-
 15 ing interest that is required to be reported to
 16 the Commission under the ownership rules of
 17 the Commission; or

18 (B) an appropriate national security agen-
 19 cy has determined that a covered entity exerts
 20 control, regardless of whether such covered enti-
 21 ty holds an equity or voting interest as de-
 22 scribed in subparagraph (A).

23 (c) RULEMAKING.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months
 25 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the

1 Commission shall issue rules to obtain information
2 to identify each entity—

3 (A) that holds any authorization, license,
4 or other grant of authority issued by the Com-
5 mission (other than a license described in sub-
6 section (b)(1)); and

7 (B) with respect to which a covered entity
8 holds an equity or voting interest that is re-
9 quired to be reported to the Commission under
10 the ownership rules of the Commission.

11 (2) PLACEMENT ON LIST.—Not later than 1
12 year after the Commission issues the rules required
13 by paragraph (1), the Commission shall place each
14 entity described in such paragraph on the list pub-
15 lished under subsection (b).

16 (d) PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT EXEMPTION.—A
17 collection of information conducted or sponsored by the
18 Commission to implement this section does not constitute
19 a collection of information for the purposes of subchapter
20 I of chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code (commonly
21 referred to as the “Paperwork Reduction Act”).

22 (e) ANNUAL UPDATES.—The Commission shall, not
23 less frequently than annually, update the list published

- 1 under subsection (b), including with respect to any entity
- 2 required to be placed on such list by subsection (c)(2).

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