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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 12, 2025

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. PETERS, Mr. YOUNG, and Ms. WARREN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 Agents Trans-
5 parency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CLARIFYING THE CONTINUING OBLIGATION TO**
2 **REGISTER AS AN AGENT OF A FOREIGN PRIN-**
3 **CIPAL.**

4 (a) OBLIGATION.—The third sentence of section 2(a)
5 of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as
6 amended (22 U.S.C. 612(a)) is amended by striking “for
7 the period” and inserting “covering the period”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to any individual
10 who serves as the agent of a foreign principal under the
11 Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended (22
12 U.S.C. 611 et seq.)—

13 (1) during the 5-year period ending on the date
14 of enactment of this Act;

15 (2) on the date of enactment of this Act; or

16 (3) after the date of enactment of this Act.

17 **SEC. 3. PERMITTING ORDER REQUIRING COMPLIANCE TO**
18 **APPLY AFTER FARA ACTIVITIES HAVE**
19 **ENDED.**

20 (a) CONTINUAL COMPLIANCE.—Section 8(f) of the
21 Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended (22
22 U.S.C. 618(f)) is amended—

23 (1) by inserting after the first sentence the fol-
24 lowing: “The Attorney General may make applica-
25 tion for an order requiring a person to comply with
26 any appropriate provision of this Act or any regula-

1 tion thereunder while the person acts as an agent of
 2 a foreign principal or at any time thereafter.”; and

3 (2) by striking the period at the end and insert-
 4 ing the following: “, including an order requiring a
 5 person to comply with section 2 with respect to any
 6 period during which the person acts as the agent of
 7 a foreign principal notwithstanding that the person
 8 does not act as the agent of a foreign principal at
 9 the time the court issues the order.”.

10 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
 11 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to any individual
 12 who serves as the agent of a foreign principal under the
 13 Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended (22
 14 U.S.C. 611 et seq.)—

15 (1) during the 5-year period ending on the date
 16 of enactment of this Act;

17 (2) on the date of enactment of this Act; or

18 (3) after the date of enactment of this Act.

19 **SEC. 4. ANNUAL REPORTS RELATING TO COMPLIANCE.**

20 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section—

21 (1) the term “covered action” means an action
 22 taken by the Attorney General against a covered in-
 23 dividual to enforce the Foreign Agents Registration
 24 Act of 1938, as amended (22 U.S.C. 611 et seq.),
 25 as amended by sections 2 and 3 of this Act; and

1 (2) the term “covered individual” means an in-
 2 dividual who served as the agent of a foreign prin-
 3 cipal under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of
 4 1938, as amended (22 U.S.C. 611 et seq.) during
 5 the 5-year period ending on the date of enactment
 6 of this Act.

7 (b) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
 8 date of enactment of this Act, and each year from that
 9 date thereafter, the Attorney General shall submit to the
 10 Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on For-
 11 eign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on the
 12 Judiciary of the House of Representatives, as well as any
 13 other Member of Congress upon request of such Member,
 14 a written, machine-readable report that describes each
 15 covered action taken by the Attorney General.

16 (c) ORGANIZATION.—Each report submitted under
 17 subsection (b) shall be organized by each covered action
 18 taken and shall include, with respect to each covered ac-
 19 tion—

20 (1) the name of each covered individual against
 21 whom the covered action was taken;

22 (2) a description of the rationale behind taking
 23 the covered action; and

24 (3) the status of the covered action.

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