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To establish the China Censorship Monitor and Action Group, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 30, 2019

Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

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Group, 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. CHINA CENSORSHIP MONITOR AND ACTION**
4 **GROUP.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is established an inter-
6 agency task force, which shall be known as the “China
7 Censorship Monitor and Action Group” (referred to in this
8 section as the “task force”).

9 (b) MEMBERSHIP.—The task force shall be composed
10 of representatives of—

- 1 (1) the Department of State;
- 2 (2) the Department of Commerce;
- 3 (3) the Federal Communications Commission;
- 4 and
- 5 (4) the United States Agency for Global Media.

6 (c) MEETINGS.—The task force shall meet not less
7 frequently than quarterly.

8 (d) CONSULTATIONS.—The task force shall regularly
9 consult, to the extent necessary and appropriate, with—

- 10 (1) other Federal agencies; and
 - 11 (2) relevant stakeholders in the private sector
- 12 and the media.

13 (e) PUBLIC DATABASE.—Using information obtained
14 from the agencies referred to in subsection (b) and con-
15 sultations required under subsection (d), the task force
16 shall compile and maintain a public database, which shall
17 be hosted on a United States Government database server,
18 that describes all punitive actions taken by the People’s
19 Republic of China toward United States companies that
20 involve economic or diplomatic retaliation for the exercise
21 of free speech by United States companies. The public
22 database required under this subsection shall be updated
23 as soon as practicable, but not less frequently than semi-
24 annually.

25 (f) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

1 (1) ANNUAL REPORT.—The task force shall
2 submit an annual report to the Committee on For-
3 eign Relations of the Senate, the Committee on
4 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Sen-
5 ate, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House
6 of Representatives, and Committee on Energy and
7 Commerce of the House of Representatives that de-
8 scribes the activities of the task force during the re-
9 porting period.

10 (2) CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFINGS.—Not later
11 than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this
12 Act, and semiannually thereafter, the task force
13 shall provide briefings regarding its activities to the
14 congressional committees referred to in paragraph
15 (1).

16 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
17 are authorized to be appropriated for each fiscal year such
18 sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

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