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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HAWLEY 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 “Sanction Xi Jinping
5 for Xinjiang Atrocities Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) On August 31, 2022, the Office of the
4 United Nations High Commissioner for Human
5 Rights released an assessment that found that—

6 (A) “serious human rights violations have
7 been committed” by authorities of the People’s
8 Republic of China against Uyghurs and other
9 ethnic minorities in the Xinjiang Uyghur Au-
10 tonomous Region; and

11 (B) such violations may “constitute inter-
12 national crimes, in particular crimes against
13 humanity”.

14 (2) The Secretary of State has found that
15 treatment by authorities of the People’s Republic of
16 China of Uyghurs and other ethnic minorities in the
17 Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region constitutes
18 genocide and other crimes against humanity.

19 (3) The Xinjiang Police Files published in May
20 2022 offered unprecedented insight into the human
21 rights violations perpetrated by authorities of the
22 People’s Republic of China against Uyghurs and
23 other ethnic minorities in the Xinjiang Uyghur Au-
24 tonomous Region, including—

25 (A) imprisonment of the elderly, young
26 mothers, and other adults considered to be a

1 threat by the Chinese Communist Party, includ-
2 ing individuals alleged to have engaged in for-
3 bidden religious activities;

4 (B) imprisonment of children as young as
5 14, some of whom were apparently instructed to
6 smile for detention photos;

7 (C) use of armed strike groups and other
8 personnel armed with clubs, batons, bayonets,
9 machine guns, assault rifles, sniper rifles, and
10 other military-grade weapons to intimidate and
11 control detainees;

12 (D) directives for police forces to “shoot
13 dead” detainees who fail to heed orders, includ-
14 ing to prevent individuals from escaping alive;
15 and

16 (E) restrictions on medical care afforded to
17 detainees.

18 (4) The Xinjiang Police Files provide further
19 evidence, including speeches by Minister of Public
20 Security Zhao Kezhi and then-Xinjiang Party Sec-
21 retary Chen Quanguo, that General Secretary Xi
22 Jinping directed and oversaw persecution of
23 Uyghurs and other ethnic minorities in the Xinjiang
24 Uyghur Autonomous Region, including by—

1 (A) directing Chen to travel to Xinjiang
2 and “make a stable Xinjiang arise”;

3 (B) issuing “important instructions on
4 governing Xinjiang according to the law, uni-
5 fying and stabilizing Xinjiang, and building
6 Xinjiang over the long term”; and

7 (C) ordering Xinjiang authorities to—

8 (i) “conduct de-extremification work”,
9 including “transformation through edu-
10 cation”; and

11 (ii) “implement practical measures
12 such as expanding the number of employed
13 [staff in detention facilities], enlarging the
14 capacity [of those facilities], and increasing
15 investment [in those facilities] within the
16 set time frame”.

17 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

18 It is the sense of Congress that—

19 (1) General Secretary Xi Jinping is complicit in
20 the genocide and other crimes against humanity per-
21 petrated against Uyghurs and other ethnic minori-
22 ties in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region;
23 and

24 (2) General Secretary Xi Jinping and other
25 senior Chinese Communist Party officials should be

1 held accountable for such genocide and crimes
2 against humanity, including through the imposition
3 of sanctions.

4 **SEC. 4. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO SEN-**
5 **IOR CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY OFFICIALS**
6 **COMPLICIT IN XINJIANG HUMAN RIGHTS VIO-**
7 **LATIONS.**

8 (a) IDENTIFICATION OF SENIOR CHINESE COM-
9 MUNIST PARTY OFFICIALS COMPLICIT IN XINJIANG
10 HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.—Not later than 90 days
11 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually
12 thereafter, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the
13 Director of National Intelligence, shall submit to the ap-
14 propriate congressional committees a report that includes
15 the following:

16 (1) A list of senior Chinese Communist Party
17 officials who directed, oversaw, monitored, or were
18 otherwise complicit in the perpetration of genocide
19 and other crimes against humanity against Uyghurs
20 and other ethnic minorities in the Xinjiang Uyghur
21 Autonomous Region.

22 (2) A description of actions taken by senior
23 Chinese Communist Party officials listed under
24 paragraph (1) that resulted in their inclusion on
25 such list.

1 (b) SANCTIONS.—Not later than 180 days after the
2 date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,
3 the President shall impose the sanctions described in sec-
4 tion 1263(b) of the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Ac-
5 countability Act (22 U.S.C. 10102(b)) with respect to in-
6 dividuals identified under subsection (a).

7 (c) REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than
8 90 days after first imposing sanctions under subsection
9 (b), the President shall submit to the appropriate congres-
10 sional committees a report regarding measures taken by
11 the President to implement this section.

12 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
14 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
15 mittees” means—

16 (A) the Committee on Banking, Housing,
17 and Urban Affairs, the Committee on Foreign
18 Relations, and the Select Committee on Intel-
19 ligence of the Senate; and

20 (B) the Committee on Financial Services,
21 the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Per-
22 manent Select Committee on Intelligence of the
23 House of Representatives.

1 (2) SENIOR CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY OFFI-
2 CIALS.—The term “senior Chinese Communist Party
3 officials” means—

4 (A) the General Secretary of the Party
5 Central Committee;

6 (B) members of the Political Bureau
7 Standing Committee;

8 (C) members of the Political Bureau;

9 (D) members of the Central Military Com-
10 mission;

11 (E) members of the Central Committee;

12 (F) members of the Central Commission
13 for Discipline Inspection; and

14 (G) members of the Secretariat.

15 **SEC. 5. TERMINATION.**

16 This Act shall terminate on January 1, 2033.

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