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To amend title 49, United States Code, to provide additional safety measures for motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WALBERG introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Securing American Fu-
5 ture from Exploitative Communist Autonomous Research
6 Act” or the “SAFE CAR Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL SAFETY MEASURES FOR MOTOR VEHI-**
2 **CLES.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 30102(a) of title 49,
4 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
5 following:

6 “(14) CONTROL.—The term ‘control’ means the
7 power, direct or indirect, whether exercised or not
8 exercised, to determine, direct, or decide important
9 matters affecting a manufacturer.

10 “(15) FOREIGN ADVERSARY.—The term ‘for-
11 eign adversary’ has the meaning given that term in
12 part 7.4 of title 15, Code of Federal Regulations.”.

13 (b) PROHIBITIONS ON MANUFACTURING, SELLING,
14 AND IMPORTING NONCOMPLYING MOTOR VEHICLES AND
15 EQUIPMENT.—Section 30112 of title 49, United States
16 Code, is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the
18 following:

19 “(4) A person who is domiciled in the People’s
20 Republic of China, or a manufacturer who is under
21 the control of the Chinese Communist Party or the
22 Government of the People’s Republic of China, may
23 not manufacture for sale, sell, offer for sale, intro-
24 duce or deliver for introduction in interstate com-
25 merce, or import into the United States any motor
26 vehicle or motor vehicle equipment if the Secretary,

1 in coordination with the Secretary of Commerce, de-
2 termines that such vehicle or equipment poses a risk
3 to United States security.”; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(c) DETERMINATION REGARDING SECURITY.—For
6 purposes of this section, the Secretary, in coordination
7 with the Secretary of Commerce, shall determine whether
8 any motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment poses a risk
9 to United States security.”.

10 (c) GENERAL EXEMPTIONS.—Section 30113 of title
11 49, United States Code, is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (b)(3)—

13 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking
14 “and” at the end;

15 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as
16 subparagraph (C); and

17 (C) by inserting before subparagraph (C)
18 (as so redesignated) the following:

19 “(B) an exemption applied for by a manu-
20 facturer who is domiciled in the People’s Re-
21 public of China or who is under the control of
22 the Chinese Communist Party or the Govern-
23 ment of the People’s Republic of China would
24 not pose a risk to United States security; and”;
25 and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(i) PROHIBITION ON HARMFUL MOTOR VEHICLES
3 TESTING IN THE UNITED STATES.—A motor vehicle may
4 not be granted an exemption under this section if the man-
5 ufacturer of such vehicle—

6 “(1) is under the control of the Chinese Com-
7 munist Party or the Government of the People’s Re-
8 public of China; or

9 “(2) shares information with the Chinese Com-
10 munist Party or the Government of the People’s Re-
11 public of China.

12 “(j) DETERMINATION REGARDING SECURITY.—For
13 purposes of this section, the Secretary, in coordination
14 with the Secretary of Commerce, shall determine whether
15 any motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment poses a risk
16 to United States security.”.

17 (d) SPECIAL EXEMPTIONS.—Section 30114 of title
18 49, United States Code, is amended—

19 (1) in subsection (b)(5), by striking “significant
20 safety risk.” and inserting “significant safety risk or
21 that such registration has been filed by a manufac-
22 turer that is domiciled in a country that is a foreign
23 adversary, owned wholly or partially by a foreign ad-
24 versary, or located in a country that is a foreign ad-
25 versary, and such manufacturer poses a risk to

1 United States security. For purposes of this para-
2 graph, the Secretary shall coordinate with the Sec-
3 retary of Commerce to determine whether such a
4 manufacturer poses a risk to United States secu-
5 rity.”; and

6 (2) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(c) PROHIBITION ON HARMFUL MOTOR VEHICLES
8 TESTING IN THE UNITED STATES.—A motor vehicle may
9 not be granted an exemption under this section if the man-
10 ufacturer of such vehicle—

11 “(1) is under the control of the Chinese Com-
12 munist Party or the Government of the People’s Re-
13 public of China; or

14 “(2) shares information with the Chinese Com-
15 munist Party or the Government of the People’s Re-
16 public of China.”.

17 (e) CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE.—Section
18 30115(b) of title 49, United States Code, is amended to
19 read as follows:

20 “(b) CERTIFICATION LABEL.—In the case of the cer-
21 tification label affixed by an intermediate or final stage
22 manufacturer of a motor vehicle built in more than 1
23 stage, each intermediate or final stage manufacturer shall
24 certify with respect to each applicable Federal motor vehi-
25 cle safety standard—

1 “(1) that it—

2 “(A) has complied with the specifications
3 set forth in the compliance documentation pro-
4 vided by the incomplete motor vehicle manufac-
5 turer in accordance with regulations prescribed
6 by the Secretary; or

7 “(B) has elected to assume responsibility
8 for compliance with that standard;

9 “(2) that the Secretary has determined it is not
10 a threat to security;

11 “(3) that it is not under the control of the Chi-
12 nese Communist Party or the Government of the
13 People’s Republic of China; and

14 “(4) that it does not share information with the
15 Chinese Communist Party or the Government of the
16 People’s Republic of China.”.

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