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To establish international artificial intelligence research partnerships, and
for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. TORRES of California introduced the following bill; which was referred
to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To establish international artificial intelligence research
partnerships, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “International Artificial
5 Intelligence Research Partnership Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. INTERNATIONAL ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE RE-**
7 **SEARCH PARTNERSHIP.**

8 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

9 (1) For over six decades, international city-to-
10 city partnerships have played a crucial role in pro-

1 moting United States priorities, fostering mutual
2 understanding, and strengthening diplomatic ties be-
3 tween the United States and countries around the
4 world.

5 (2) These partnerships have received strong bi-
6 partisan support over the past 40 years, as dem-
7 onstrated by the participation of every United States
8 President since Dwight D. Eisenhower and the pas-
9 sage of numerous congressional resolutions recog-
10 nizing the contributions of these partnerships to
11 international cooperation.

12 (3) Collaboration between United States cities
13 and their international counterparts on artificial in-
14 telligence research can further strengthen these
15 partnerships while promoting United States leader-
16 ship in this critical field.

17 (4) Coordination with the National Science
18 Foundation and leveraging the National AI Research
19 Resource can ensure that partnership activities align
20 with United States research priorities and benefit
21 from existing resources and expertise.

22 (b) ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE RESEARCH PART-
23 NERSHIPS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State
25 should, either directly or through public-private part-

1 nerships, including nonprofits and academic institu-
2 tions, carry out the following:

3 (A) Encourage and support the establish-
4 ment of artificial intelligence research partner-
5 ships between United States cities and their
6 international counterparts.

7 (B) Provide guidance and assistance to
8 United States cities seeking to establish such
9 partnerships.

10 (C) Coordinate with the Director of the
11 National Science Foundation to align partner-
12 ship activities with United States artificial intel-
13 ligence research priorities and leverage the Na-
14 tional AI Research Resource.

15 (D) Ensure that such partnerships and re-
16 lated activities are consistent with United
17 States foreign policy and national security in-
18 terests.

19 (2) ELIGIBILITY.— A foreign city shall not be
20 eligible to participate in a partnership or related ac-
21 tivities under this section if—

22 (A) such city is located in a foreign coun-
23 try of concern; or

24 (B) the Secretary of State, in consultation
25 with the Secretary of Defense and the Director

1 of National Intelligence, has determined such
2 city is engaged in conduct that is detrimental to
3 the national security or foreign policy of the
4 United States.

5 (3) LIMITATIONS.—Partnerships and related
6 activities under this section shall be subject to the
7 following limitations:

8 (A) Research conducted pursuant to such
9 partnerships shall be limited to non-national se-
10 curity areas of artificial intelligence.

11 (B) Such partnerships shall focus on eco-
12 nomic cooperation and workforce development.

13 (C) Such activities conducted shall adhere
14 to all applicable export control regulations.

15 (c) CONTRACTING AUTHORITY.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State is
17 authorized to enter into contracts with appropriate
18 entities to facilitate the establishment and implemen-
19 tation of artificial intelligence research partnerships
20 under subsection (b).

21 (2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
22 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
23 retary of State \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years
24 2025 through 2028 to carry out this subsection.

1 (d) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act and annually thereafter for
3 the following two years, the Secretary of State shall sub-
4 mit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Com-
5 mittee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives
6 and the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Com-
7 mittee on Appropriations of the Senate a report on activi-
8 ties carried out under this section, including information
9 relating to the following:

10 (1) The number and nature of artificial intel-
11 ligence research partnerships established.

12 (2) The scope of research areas covered by such
13 partnerships.

14 (3) The level of participation from domestic and
15 foreign cities.

16 (4) Coordination efforts with the National
17 Science Foundation and utilization of the National
18 AI Research Resource.

19 (5) Any challenges or barriers to implementa-
20 tion.

21 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.—The term “ar-
23 tificial intelligence” has the meaning given such
24 term in section 5002 of the National Artificial Intel-
25 ligence Initiative Act of 2020 (enacted as division E

1 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National De-
2 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (15
3 U.S.C. 9401; Public Law 116–283)).

4 (2) ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE RESEARCH
5 PARTNERSHIP.—The term “artificial intelligence re-
6 search partnership” means translational artificial in-
7 telligence research that bridges foundational and
8 use-inspired research with the delivery and deploy-
9 ment of its outcomes to the target community, and
10 that supports essential bidirectional interplays with
11 respect to which the delivery and deployment process
12 informs such research.

13 (3) EXTERNAL PARTNER.—The term “external
14 partner” means a nonprofit organization that—

15 (A) has a proven track record of facili-
16 tating international city-to-city partnerships;

17 (B) maintains a network of United States
18 cities with established international partner-
19 ships; and

20 (C) has experience managing Federal
21 grants and contracts related to international co-
22 operation and exchange programs.

23 (4) FOREIGN COUNTRY OF CONCERN.—The
24 term “foreign country of concern” has the meaning
25 given such term in section 10638 of the Research

1 and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act
2 (19 U.S.C. 19237; enacted as division B of Public
3 Law 117–167).

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