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# S. 434

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 15, 2023

Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. RISCH, and Mrs. FISCHER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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## 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 “Preventing Adversary  
5 Influence, Disinformation, and Obscured Foreign Financ-  
6 ing Act of 2023” or the “PAID OFF Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF EXEMPTIONS UNDER FARA.**

2 (a) DEFINITION.—Section 1 of the Foreign Agents  
3 Registration Act of 1938, as amended (22 U.S.C. 611)  
4 is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(q) The term ‘country of concern’ means—

6 “(1) the People’s Republic of China;

7 “(2) the Russian Federation;

8 “(3) the Islamic Republic of Iran;

9 “(4) the Democratic People’s Republic of  
10 Korea;

11 “(5) the Republic of Cuba; and

12 “(6) the Syrian Arab Republic.”.

13 (b) EXEMPTIONS.—Section 3 of the Foreign Agents  
14 Registration Act of 1938, as amended (22 U.S.C. 613),  
15 is amended, in the matter preceding subsection (a), by in-  
16 serting “, except that the exemptions under subsections  
17 (d)(1) and (h) shall not apply to any agent of a foreign  
18 principal that is a country of concern” before the colon.

19 (c) SUNSET.—The amendments made by subsections  
20 (a) and (b) shall terminate on October 1, 2026.

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