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To prohibit the issuance of certain visas to nationals of the People’s Republic
of China, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HARRIGAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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the People’s Republic of China, 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 “Securing Education
5 and Critical U.S. Research and Employment in STEM Act
6 of 2025” or the “SECURE STEM Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN VISA ISSUANCES.**

8 (a) VISA INELIGIBILITY.—Notwithstanding any other
9 provision of law and except as provided in subsection (c),

1 the Secretary of State may not issue visa to, and the Sec-
2 retary of Homeland Security may not admit to the United
3 States, a covered foreign national who is seeking admis-
4 sion to the United States under a covered visa category.

5 (b) EMPLOYMENT PROHIBITION AT NATIONAL LAB-
6 ORATORIES.—Beginning on the date of enactment of this
7 Act, a national research laboratory may not employ a cov-
8 ered foreign national who is present in the United States
9 under a covered visa category on the date of enactment
10 of this Act.

11 (c) NATIONAL INTEREST WAIVER.—The Secretary of
12 State and the Secretary of Homeland Security may jointly
13 waive the application of subsections (a) and (b) with re-
14 spect to a specific individual if the Secretaries determine
15 that such a waiver is in the national interest of the United
16 States.

17 **SEC. 3. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

18 The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Sec-
19 retary of Homeland Security, shall submit to the Com-
20 mittee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Foreign
21 Affairs of the House of Representatives, and the Com-
22 mittee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Foreign
23 Relations of the Senate, a biannual report, including, for
24 the previous 180-day period—

1 (1) the total number of waivers granted under
2 section 2(c);

3 (2) a summary of the justification for each
4 waiver; and

5 (3) biographical information about each recipi-
6 ent of such a waiver, including any prior affiliation
7 with foreign state-sponsored institutions.

8 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

9 For purposes of this Act:

10 (1) The term “covered visa category” means a
11 nonimmigrant visa issued under any of the following:

12 (A) Section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) of the Im-
13 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
14 1101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b)).

15 (B) Section 101(a)(15)(O)(i) of the Immi-
16 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
17 1101(a)(15)(O)(i)).

18 (C) Section 101(a)(15)(J) of the Immigra-
19 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
20 1101(a)(15)(J)).

21 (D) Section 101(a)(15)(F), (J), or (M) of
22 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
23 1101(a)(15)(F), (J), or (M)) (student visas).

24 (2) The term “covered foreign national” means
25 an alien who is a national of any of the following:

1 (A) The People’s Republic of China.

2 (B) The Russian Federation.

3 (C) The Islamic Republic of Iran.

4 (D) The Democratic People’s Republic of
5 Korea.

6 (E) The Republic of Cuba.

7 (3) The term “national research laboratory”
8 means a “Federal laboratory” as such term is de-
9 fined in section 4 of the Stevenson–Wylder Tech-
10 nology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3703).

11 **SEC. 5. RULES.**

12 Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment
13 of this Act, the Secretary of State, in consultation with
14 the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall make such rules
15 as may be necessary to carry out this Act.