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To require issuers filing annual reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission to disclose whether the issuers have connections with the Chinese Communist Party, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mrs. BLACKBURN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

- To require issuers filing annual reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission to disclose whether the issuers have connections with the Chinese Communist Party, 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.

This Act may be cited as the "No Chinese Communist Subterfuge via Unregistered Regime Presence
Rendered Invisible to Shareholders and Equivalent Parties
Act" or the "No Chinese Communist SURPRISE Parties
Act".

1	SEC. 2. REPORTING REQUIREMENT.
2	(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—
3	(1) the term "Commission" means the Securi-
4	ties and Exchange Commission;
5	(2) the term "covered issuer" means an issuer,
6	including a foreign private issuer, that is required to
7	file annual reports with the Commission under sec-
8	tion 13(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
9	(15 U.S.C. 78m(a));
10	(3) the term "issuer" has the meaning given
11	the term in section 3(a) of the Securities Exchange
12	Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78c(a));
13	(4) the term "joint venture partner", with re-
14	spect to a covered issuer, means—
15	(A) a joint venture in which the covered
16	issuer, or a subsidiary with respect to the cov-
17	ered issuer, is a party; or
18	(B) any other person that is a party in a
19	joint venture described in subparagraph (A);
20	and
21	(5) the term "subsidiary", with respect to a
22	covered issuer, means a wholly or partially owned
23	subsidiary of the covered issuer.
24	(b) REQUIREMENT.—Each covered issuer, in each an-
25	nual report that the covered issuer files with the Commis-
26	sion (beginning with the second annual report that the

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covered issuer files with the Commission after the date
 of enactment of this Act), shall—

3 (1) disclose whether the covered issuer, or any
4 subsidiary or joint venture partner with respect to
5 the covered issuer, has established or maintained an
6 organization of the Chinese Communist Party dur7 ing the period covered by the report;

8 (2) if an organization of the Chinese Com-9 munist Party has participated in the operations of 10 the covered issuer, or of any subsidiary or joint ven-11 ture partner with respect to the covered issuer, dur-12 ing the period covered by the report, summarize that 13 participation; and

(3) disclose whether the board of directors of
the covered issuer (or the equivalent body with respect to the covered issuer), under the laws of the
jurisdiction in which the covered issuer is incorporated or otherwise organized—

19 (A) owes a fiduciary duty to the covered
20 issuer and shareholders of the covered issuer;
21 and

(B) is subject to heightened scrutiny withrespect to conflicted controller transactions.

24 (c) UPDATES TO RULES.—Not later than 1 year after25 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall

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- 1 make any updates to the rules of the Commission that
- $2 \quad {\rm are\ necessary\ as\ a\ result\ of\ this\ section.}$