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H. R. 1516

To establish Department of Homeland Security funding restrictions on institutions of higher education that have a relationship with Confucius Institutes, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PFLUGER (for himself, Mr. GREEN of Tennessee, Mr. WENSTRUP, Ms. GREENE of Georgia, Mr. EZELL, Mr. D'ESPOSITO, Ms. LEE of Florida, Mr. LUTTRELL, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. STRONG, Mr. GUEST, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, and Mr. BRECHEEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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 “DHS Restrictions on
5 Confucius Institutes and Chinese Entities of Concern
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATIONS ON CONFUCIUS INSTITUTES' HOST**
2 **SCHOOLS.**

3 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) CHINESE ENTITY OF CONCERN.—The term
5 “Chinese entity of concern” means any university or
6 college in the People’s Republic of China that—

7 (A) is involved in the implementation of
8 military-civil fusion;

9 (B) participates in the Chinese defense in-
10 dustrial base;

11 (C) is affiliated with the Chinese State Ad-
12 ministration for Science, Technology and Indus-
13 try for the National Defense;

14 (D) receives funding from any organization
15 subordinate to the Central Military Commission
16 of the Chinese Communist Party; or

17 (E) provides support to any security, de-
18 fense, police, or intelligence organization of the
19 Government of the People’s Republic of China
20 or the Chinese Communist Party.

21 (2) CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE.—The term “Confu-
22 cius Institute” means a cultural institute funded by
23 the Government of the People’s Republic of China.

24 (3) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The
25 term “institution of higher education” has the

1 meaning given such term in section 102 of the High-
2 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002).

3 (4) RELATIONSHIP.—The term “relationship”
4 means, with respect to an institution of higher edu-
5 cation, any contract awarded, or agreement entered
6 into, as well as any in-kind donation or gift, received
7 from a Confucius Institute or Chinese entity of con-
8 cern.

9 (b) RESTRICTIONS ON INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
10 EDUCATION.—Beginning with the first fiscal year that be-
11 gins after the date that is 12 months after the date of
12 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Se-
13 curity shall ensure that an institution of higher education
14 (referred to in this section as an “institution”) which has
15 a relationship with a Confucius Institute or Chinese entity
16 of concern is ineligible to receive any funds from the De-
17 partment of Homeland Security, unless the institution ter-
18 minates the relationship between the institution and such
19 Confucius Institute or Chinese entity of concern, as the
20 case may be. Upon the termination of such a relationship,
21 the institution at issue shall be eligible to receive funds
22 from the Department of Homeland Security.

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