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To require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study on the national and economic security risks posed by foreign adversaries to the automotive industry of the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. HARSHBARGER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Automotive National
5 and Economic Security Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
2 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
3 mittees” means—

4 (A) the Committee on Energy and Com-
5 merce of the House of Representatives; and

6 (B) the Committee on Commerce, Science,
7 and Transportation of the Senate.

8 (2) CONTROLLED BY A FOREIGN ADVERSARY.—
9 The term “controlled by a foreign adversary” means,
10 with respect to a manufacturer, that such manufac-
11 turer is a foreign person that—

12 (A) is domiciled in a foreign adversary;

13 (B) is headquartered in a foreign adver-
14 sary;

15 (C) has a principal place of business in a
16 foreign adversary;

17 (D) is organized under the laws of a for-
18 eign adversary; or

19 (E) derives at least 50 percent of annual
20 revenue in a foreign adversary.

21 (3) COVERED ACTIVITY.—The term “covered
22 activity” means any of the following commercial ar-
23 rangements or agreements with respect to which at
24 least 1 party is a foreign adversary or a manufac-
25 turer controlled by a foreign adversary:

1 (A) Any ownership stake, direct or indi-
2 rect, in a manufacturer.

3 (B) Any commercial partnership, including
4 a joint venture, subsidiary, or contract manu-
5 facturing agreement.

6 (C) Any technology sharing agreement, in-
7 cluding a research and development partnership
8 or a licensing agreement.

9 (D) Any investment by a manufacturer in
10 a motor vehicle manufacturer or vehicle equip-
11 ment manufacturer controlled by a foreign ad-
12 versary.

13 (4) CRITICAL AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGY.—
14 The term “critical and emerging technology” means
15 any of the following:

16 (A) Advanced computing.

17 (B) Advanced engineering materials.

18 (C) Advanced and networked sensing and
19 signature management.

20 (D) Advanced manufacturing.

21 (E) Artificial intelligence.

22 (F) Clean energy generation and storage.

23 (G) Data privacy, data security, and cyber-
24 security technology.

1 (H) Highly automated, autonomous, and
2 uncrewed Systems (UxS) and robotics.

3 (I) Human-machine interfaces.

4 (J) Integrated communication and net-
5 working technology.

6 (K) Positioning, navigation, and timing
7 (PNT) technology.

8 (L) Quantum information and enabling
9 technology.

10 (M) Semiconductors and microelectronics.

11 (5) FOREIGN ADVERSARY.—The term “foreign
12 adversary” has the meaning given the term “covered
13 nation” in section 4872(f) of title 10, United States
14 Code.

15 (6) MANUFACTURER.—The term “manufac-
16 turer” means any manufacturer of—

17 (A) a passenger motor vehicle; or

18 (B) motor vehicle equipment.

19 **SEC. 3. STUDY ON FOREIGN ADVERSARIES AND THE AMER-**
20 **ICAN AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY.**

21 (a) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary shall conduct
22 a study on any covered activity to which a manufacturer
23 is a party.

24 (b) ELEMENTS.—In conducting the study required by
25 subsection (a), the Secretary shall assess the following:

1 (1) The engagement of each manufacturer in
2 any covered activity.

3 (2) With respect to any covered activity de-
4 scribed in paragraph (2):

5 (A) Any adverse impact to the national se-
6 curity, economic competitiveness, or intellectual
7 property protection of the United States result-
8 ing from such covered activity.

9 (B) Any involvement by an entity con-
10 trolled by a foreign adversary that is a State-
11 directed investment vehicle, including any mili-
12 tary, political party, State-owned enterprise,
13 sovereign wealth fund, or government-controlled
14 investment vehicle.

15 (C) Any transfer of technology relating to
16 critical and emerging technology to any entity
17 described in subparagraph (B) or a manufac-
18 turer controlled by a foreign adversary.

19 (D) Any operations or employees of the
20 manufacturer in a foreign adversary relating to
21 such covered activity.

22 (c) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study re-
23 quired by subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with
24 the head of any relevant agency as determined by the Sec-
25 retary.

1 (d) SUBMISSION; PUBLICATION.—Not later than 2
2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
3 retary shall—

4 (1) submit to the appropriate congressional
5 committees a report on the study required by sub-
6 section (a); and

7 (2) publish such report on a website of the De-
8 partment of Commerce.