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117TH CONGRESS  
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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. KIM of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “Direct Investigations  
5 on China, Take Action To Oppose Russia Act of 2022”  
6 or the “DICTATOR Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress makes the following findings:

3 (1) The People’s Republic of China (in this sec-  
4 tion referred to as the “PRC”) and the Russian  
5 Federation have, in recent years, forged a closer re-  
6 lationship, based largely on their shared interest in  
7 challenging the rules-based international order, in an  
8 attempt to reshape that order into one that is more  
9 welcoming to their authoritarian systems of govern-  
10 ment.

11 (2) On February 4, 2022, the PRC and Rus-  
12 sian Federation issued a Joint Statement on the  
13 International Relations Entering a New Era and the  
14 Global Sustainable Development, which stated that  
15 “friendship between the two States has no limits”  
16 and that “there are no forbidden areas of coopera-  
17 tion”.

18 (3) In their Joint Statement, the PRC and the  
19 Russian Federation reaffirmed support for state sov-  
20 ereignty and territorial integrity and called on all  
21 countries to protect international law.

22 (4) Per media reporting, leading up to Russia’s  
23 unprovoked invasion of Ukraine, United States offi-  
24 cials held multiple meetings with PRC officials pre-  
25 senting intelligence showing Russian troop buildup  
26 around Ukraine and requested Chinese assistance in

1 urging the Russian Federation not to attack  
2 Ukraine.

3 (5) A March 2, 2022, New York Times article  
4 reported that senior Chinese officials told senior  
5 Russian officials in early February 2022 not to in-  
6 vade Ukraine before the end of the Winter Olympics  
7 in Beijing.

8 (6) The New York Times reported that PRC of-  
9 ficials later shared United States intelligence with  
10 Russia and stated that the United States “was try-  
11 ing to sow discord and that China would not try to  
12 impede Russian plans and actions”.

13 (7) On February 21, 2022, President Vladimir  
14 Putin of the Russian Federation declared unilateral  
15 recognition of the Donetsk and Luhansk separatist  
16 regions of Ukraine and ordered Russian troops to  
17 enter those regions in a further invasion of Ukraine  
18 to carry out “peacekeeping functions”.

19 (8) On February 24, 2022, Russian forces  
20 launched an unprovoked large-scale further invasion  
21 of Ukraine with the goal of taking over major cities,  
22 including the capital city of Kyiv, by military force.

23 (9) The PRC’s Foreign Ministry spokesperson  
24 refused to categorize Russia’s attacks as an “inva-

1 sion” and referred repeatedly to the Russian Fed-  
2 eration’s statements on Ukraine.

3 (10) On February 24, 2022, the PRC an-  
4 nounced it would lift restrictions on wheat imports  
5 from Russia to ease the impact of sanctions on Rus-  
6 sia’s invasion of Ukraine.

7 (11) Russian forces are reported to have tar-  
8 geted civilian population centers and launched at-  
9 tacks without regard for civilian casualties, some of  
10 which may constitute war crimes.

11 (12) On March 2, 2022, the Chief Prosecutor  
12 of the International Criminal Court announced an  
13 investigation into possible war crimes committed in  
14 Ukraine after a referral by 39 member states.

15 (13) On March 2, 2022, Chinese Foreign Min-  
16 ister Wang Yi recognized the conflict in Ukraine as  
17 a “war” and expressed that China was “extremely  
18 concerned” about the harm to civilians in Ukraine.

19 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

20 It is the sense of Congress that—

21 (1) the Government and entities associated with  
22 People’s Republic of China who assist the Russian  
23 Federation or Russian oligarchs in evading sanctions  
24 imposed following the Russian invasion of Ukraine  
25 are, in so doing, supporting the Russian Federa-

1       tion's unprovoked attack on Ukraine and the  
2       Ukrainian people, including alleged war crimes com-  
3       mitted by Russian armed forces against unarmed ci-  
4       vilians; and

5               (2) the President should impose sanctions on  
6       those entities found to have aided the Russian Fed-  
7       eration or Russian oligarchs in evading sanctions im-  
8       posed by the United States and allied nations fol-  
9       lowing the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

10 **SEC. 4. REPORT ON PRC SUPPORT FOR RUSSIA'S INVASION**  
11 **OF UKRAINE.**

12       (a) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date  
13 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall  
14 submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House  
15 of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Rela-  
16 tions of the Senate a report on entities in the People's  
17 Republic of China that have assisted, or continue to assist,  
18 the Russian Federation in evading sanctions imposed by  
19 the United States following the Russian invasion of  
20 Ukraine.

21       (b) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—The report under sub-  
22 section (a) shall include each of the following:

23               (1) An assessment of the actions the Govern-  
24       ment of the People's Republic of China and the Chi-  
25       nese Communist Party may have taken to assist the

1 Russian Federation in evading sanctions imposed by  
2 the United States following the further invasion of  
3 Ukraine.

4 (2) An assessment of the extent to which enti-  
5 ties affiliated with the People's Republic of China  
6 and the Chinese Communist Party may have as-  
7 sisted the Russian Federation in evading sanctions  
8 imposed by the United States following the further  
9 invasion of Ukraine.

10 (3) A list of the entities referred to in para-  
11 graph (2).

12 (4) An assessment of the actions the Depart-  
13 ment of State and other relevant departments have  
14 taken to address the actions described in paragraphs  
15 (1) and (2).

16 (5) An account of the changes and improve-  
17 ments the Secretary of State plans to make to the  
18 United States strategy to confront Russian aggres-  
19 sion in Ukraine by economically isolating the Rus-  
20 sian Federation from outside support and economic  
21 assistance from the People's Republic of China.

22 (c) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required by this  
23 section shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may  
24 contain a classified annex.

1 **SEC. 5. BRIEFINGS TO CONGRESS ON PRC SUPPORT FOR**  
2 **RUSSIA'S INVASION OF UKRAINE.**

3 (a) INITIAL BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after  
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, senior officials from  
5 the Department of State, the Office of the Director of Na-  
6 tional Intelligence, and other relevant Federal depart-  
7 ments shall provide to the Committee on Foreign Affairs  
8 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on  
9 Foreign Relations of the Senate a briefing on efforts being  
10 taken by the United States to identify and sanction enti-  
11 ties in the People's Republic of China found to have as-  
12 sisted the Russian Federation in evading sanctions im-  
13 posed by the United States following the Russian invasion  
14 of Ukraine.

15 (b) POST-REPORT BRIEFING.—Not later than 30  
16 days after the submission of the report required under sec-  
17 tion 4, senior officials from the Department of State, the  
18 Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and other  
19 relevant Federal departments shall provide to the Com-  
20 mittee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives  
21 and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate  
22 a briefing on the contents of the report and steps being  
23 taken by the United States Government to pursue a strat-  
24 egy to confront Russian aggression in Ukraine by eco-  
25 nomically isolating the Russian Federation from outside

1 support and economic assistance from the People's Repub-  
2 lie of China.

3 (c) FORM OF BRIEFING.—A briefing under sub-  
4 section (a) or (b)—

5 (1) shall be provided in an unclassified setting;

6 and

7 (2) may be accompanied by a separate classified  
8 briefing, as appropriate.