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H. R. 5227

To prohibit the Department of Defense from acquiring computers or printers manufactured by or from entities controlled by the Government of the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 18, 2023

Mr. BACON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Chinese Electronics
5 Defense Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON COMPUTERS OR PRINTERS AC-**
2 **QUISITIONS INVOLVING ENTITIES OWNED OR**
3 **CONTROLLED BY CHINA.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may not
5 acquire any computer or printer if the manufacturer, bid-
6 der, or offeror is a covered Chinese entity.

7 (b) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall apply only
8 with respect to contracts or other agreements entered into,
9 renewed, or extended after the date of the enactment of
10 this Act.

11 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) COVERED CHINESE ENTITY.—The term
13 “covered Chinese entity” means an entity that the
14 Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Direc-
15 tor of the National Intelligence or the Director of
16 the Federal Bureau of Investigation, determines to
17 be an entity owned, controlled, directed, or subcon-
18 tracted by, affiliated with, or otherwise connected to,
19 the Government of the People’s Republic of China.

20 (2) MANUFACTURER.—The term “manufac-
21 turer” means—

22 (A) the entity that transforms raw mate-
23 rials, miscellaneous parts, or components into
24 the end item;

25 (B) any entity that subcontracts with the
26 entity described in subparagraph (A) for the en-

1 entity described in such subparagraph to trans-
2 form raw materials, miscellaneous parts, or
3 components into the end item;

4 (C) any entity that otherwise directs the
5 entity described in subparagraph (A) to trans-
6 form raw materials, miscellaneous parts, or
7 components into the end item; or

8 (D) any parent company, subsidiary, or af-
9 filiate of the entity described in subparagraph
10 (A).

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