

CHINA TASK FORCE

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Protecting American Research

American colleges and universities lead the way in groundbreaking research that benefits our health, economy, and national security. The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has aggressively pursued the development of at least 200 initiatives to infiltrate and steal this research and intellectual capital from our schools, impacting an unknown number of students, professors, and campuses. Such theft is just part of the CCP's illicit tech transfers, which contributes to an estimated \$225 billion to \$600 billion worth of American intellectual property stolen by China annually.

The initiatives developed by the CCP to steal university research and technology include legal, quasi-legal, and illegal methods, which ultimately aid the CCP's Military Civil Fusion strategy and the growth of the People's Liberation Army (PLA). To protect American schools and national security, Congress must work hand in hand with schools and law enforcement to stop the PRC's hidden and overt theft of American academic know how.

Legislation Addressing University Research Security:

- **H.R. 1263**: End College CCP Act (Rep. Stefanik) – This bill generally prohibits an IHE from receiving federal funds if the IHE has a contractual partnership with the Chinese government or an entity that is organized under the laws of China. An IHE may regain eligibility for federal funds by disclosing and terminating those contractual partnerships.
- **H.R. 1535**: Foreign Influence Transparency Act (Rep. Wilson) – Addresses foreign influence in higher education. Requires foreign agent registration requirements for religious, scholastic, academic, or scientific pursuits or of the fine arts if they promote the political agenda of a foreign government. Also requires IHE's to disclose gifts of \$50,000 (currently amount is \$250,000), considered alone or in combination with other gifts or contracts. The contents of such contracts must be made available for public disclosure. Also requires IHE's that enter into an agreement with a Confucius institute to make immediately available the full text of the agreement to the public. Finally, the bill prohibits an IHE that does not comply with these disclosure requirements from enrolling foreign students under the Student and Exchange Visitor Program.
- **HR 7150**: Safeguard Our Universities From Foreign Influence Act (Rep. Banks) - Reduces reporting threshold for disclosure of foreign gift and contract from \$250,000 to \$50,000; requires the Department of Education (ED) to post comprehensive disclosure-related documentation online for public scrutiny; subjects donations and gifts related to critical technologies to more stringent scrutiny; and increases scrutiny of individual donors who generate substantial revenue and income from foreign sources.
- **H.R. 7851**: To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 (Rep. Pfluger) - Lowers the reporting thresholds for universities that have Confucius Institutes and other entities affiliated with the CCP to any gift or contract from such entities that exceeds \$5,000.