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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 27, 2023

Mr. MARSHALL (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. KENNEDY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. FBI HOTLINE.**

2 The Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
3 shall establish a hotline to receive anonymous tips about
4 any person who is, on behalf of the Government of China
5 or the Chinese Communist Party, surveilling, harassing,
6 intimidating, or coercing another person, or performing
7 law enforcement activities, in the United States, including
8 by coercing current or former Chinese nationals to return
9 to China.

10 **SEC. 2. CRIMINAL PROHIBITION ON PERFORMING FUNC-**
11 **TIONS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ON**
12 **BEHALF OF GOVERNMENT OF CHINA OR CHI-**
13 **NESE COMMUNIST PARTY.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 45 of title 18, United
15 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 967 the
16 following:

17 **“§ 968. Performing functions of law enforcement**
18 **agency on behalf of Government of China**
19 **or Chinese Communist Party**

20 “(a) OFFENSE.—It shall be unlawful for any person
21 in the United States, on behalf of the Government of
22 China or the Chinese Communist Party, to—

23 “(1) perform any function of a law enforcement
24 agency; or

1 “(2) engage in surveillance, harassment, intimi-
2 dation, or coercion of another person in the United
3 States.

4 “(b) PENALTY.—Any person who violates subsection
5 (a) shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more
6 than 10 years, or both.”.

7 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
8 The table of sections for chapter 45 of title 18, United
9 States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relat-
10 ing to section 967 the following:

“968. Performing functions of law enforcement agency on behalf of Government
of China or Chinese Communist Party.”.

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