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S. 4313

To prohibit the use of the digital currency payment system operated by the Government of the People’s Republic of China, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 25, 2022

Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. BRAUN, and Mr. RUBIO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Defending Americans
5 from Authoritarian Digital Currencies Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON APPS SUPPORTING E-CNY FINAN-**
7 **CIAL TECHNOLOGY IN THE UNITED STATES.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) APP.—The term “app” means a software
 2 application or electronic service that may be run or
 3 directed by a user on a computer, a mobile device,
 4 or any other general purpose computing device.

5 (2) APP STORE.—The term “app store” means
 6 a publicly available website, software application, or
 7 other electronic service that distributes applications
 8 from third-party developers to users of a computer,
 9 a mobile device, or any other general purpose com-
 10 puting device.

11 (3) COVERED COMPANY.—The term “covered
 12 company” means any person that owns or controls
 13 an app store in the United States.

14 (4) E-CNY.—The term “e-CNY” means the of-
 15 ficial Digital Currency Electronic Payment system
 16 operated by the Government of the People’s Repub-
 17 lic of China.

18 (b) PROHIBITION.—A covered company shall not—

19 (1) support or enable transactions in e-CNY on
 20 its app store within the United States; or

21 (2) carry or support any app in its app store
 22 within the United States that supports or enables
 23 transactions in e-CNY.

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