

The STRATEGIC Act of 2024

The problem:

The U.S. Congress has failed to enact legislation in a number of crucial areas that would set up the United States and its allies and partners for success in the strategic competition against China.

What's in this bill:

This bill is full of provisions that take strong positions, safeguard U.S. and allied interests, and are actionable – not just reports and strategies.

Specifically, the STRATEGIC Act:

- **Reforms the Foreign Agents Registration Act** by removing commercial and Lobbying and Disclosure Act exemptions for foreign adversaries and giving the Department of Justice authorities to issue civil investigative demands.
- **Counters malign Chinese Communist Party influence** by enhancing think tank transparency, prohibiting certain gifts and contracts with strings attached to U.S. universities, improving research security, and exposing China's harassment and abuse of U.S. diplomats.
- **Authorizes strategic infrastructure initiatives** focused on digital, transport, and energy sectors, strengthens supply chain security, and lowers trade barriers in partner countries.
- **Addresses predatory Chinese economic practices** through anti-trust reform, a new initiative to counter economic coercion, and prohibition of World Bank contracts for Chinese companies. It also expands CFIUS to cover agricultural investments with national security risks.
- **Strengthens international security** by countering proliferation of Chinese unmanned aerial systems in the Middle East and modifying the Missile Technology Control Regime to increase AUKUS cooperation.
- **Strengthens U.S. support for Taiwan and partner countries** facing threats from China, and establishes a State/Treasury "Tiger Team" to start identifying targets for sanctions, export controls, other economic measures well before China takes military action.
- **Protects U.S. interests** in international organizations and support for human rights.
- **Increases oversight** of U.S. government funding for biological research with China.