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A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO CONSIDER LIMITATIONS ON
REAL PROPERTY OWNERSHIP IN THE UNITED STATES BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS
OPERATING UNDER COMMUNIST OR AUTHORITARIAN SYSTEMS.

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1 To the Congress of the United States of America:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, the security of the United States is a matter of paramount
4 concern; and

5 Whereas, ownership or control of real property in proximity to
6 military installations, critical infrastructure, agricultural lands, or
7 research facilities by foreign governments may present potential risks to
8 national and state security; and

9 Whereas, certain foreign governments operating under communist or
10 authoritarian systems restrict or prohibit United States citizens and
11 businesses from owning real property within their jurisdictions, resulting
12 in a lack of reciprocal treatment; and

13 Whereas, ownership of real property by foreign governments may be
14 used to exert economic or political influence or to engage in activities
15 inconsistent with the interests and sovereignty of the United States; and

16 Whereas, the State of Arizona has a legitimate interest in
17 safeguarding its land, infrastructure and residents while respecting
18 constitutional authority and federal jurisdiction.

19 Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of
20 Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

21 1. That the Congress of the United States study and consider
22 enacting legislation to regulate or restrict the ownership of real
23 property in the United States by foreign governments operating under
24 communist or authoritarian systems, with appropriate consideration for
25 national security, reciprocity and economic integrity.

26 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit
27 copies of this Memorial to each Member of Congress from the State of
28 Arizona.