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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. FITZGERALD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Build Responsible In-  
3 frastructure Development for the Global Economy Act” or  
4 the “BRIDGE Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

6 Congress makes the following findings:

7 (1) The BRI, enshrined in the CCP’s constitu-  
8 tion, is a comprehensive, long-term economic devel-  
9 opment strategy founded by General Secretary and  
10 President Xi Jinping to link regions worldwide  
11 through multi-billion infrastructure projects. The  
12 CCP utilizes the BRI’s informal framework as a ve-  
13 hicle to establish a Sinocentric world order based on  
14 its authoritarian model of governance.

15 (2) The BRI poses immediate and long-term  
16 risks to the national security, economic security, and  
17 international influence of the United States and our  
18 partners by giving the PRC the ability to project  
19 power more widely in geostrategic regions such as  
20 the Indo-Pacific. The BRI, covering countries rep-  
21 resenting over half of the world’s population and  
22 over one-third of global economic output, seeks to  
23 pull nations into China’s geopolitical orbit. In its  
24 second decade, the BRI’s long-term risks have begun  
25 to materialize in cases such as Sri Lanka’s  
26 Hambantota Port debt restructuring and Pakistan’s

1 China–Pakistan Economic Corridor cost overruns,  
2 while Italy’s December 2023 withdrawal dem-  
3 onstrates that allied coordination can reverse BRI  
4 accession.

5 (3) Although the United States Government has  
6 taken steps to respond to the BRI, including  
7 through the Partnership for Global Infrastructure  
8 and Investment, the reauthorization and expansion  
9 of the United States International Development Fi-  
10 nance Corporation under the DFC Modernization  
11 and Reauthorization Act of 2025, and the America  
12 First Investment Policy memorandum, the United  
13 States has not yet articulated a single, integrated,  
14 government-wide strategy to counter the BRI, leav-  
15 ing Beijing room to leverage its regional inroads  
16 worldwide through the BRI and other PRC-alter-  
17 native institutions to achieve global preeminence.

18 (3) The United States should not underestimate  
19 the significance of the BRI and establish a coherent,  
20 Government-wide strategy that effectively seeks to  
21 counter China’s economic and political scope and in-  
22 fluence through the BRI.

23 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

24 It is the policy of the United States to counter efforts  
25 by the PRC and the CCP to create an integrated economic

1 and political order under its leadership, which continues  
2 to threaten the national security, foreign policy, and econ-  
3 omy of the United States

4 (a) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180  
5 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
6 retary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of Com-  
7 merce, the Chief Executive Officer of the United States  
8 International Development Finance Corporation, and the  
9 heads of any other relevant Federal department or agency,  
10 shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees  
11 a report that includes the following:

12 (1) Information relating to the scope of efforts  
13 by the PRC and CCP to utilize the BRI to under-  
14 mine the United States-led international world  
15 order.

16 (2) Information relating to the means and ob-  
17 jectives of the PRC and the CCP in using the BRI  
18 as a vehicle to create a parallel order of alternative  
19 PRC-centric organizations.

20 (3) An assessment of current United States  
21 Government tools and strategies to counter the BRI.

22 (4) A detailed strategy regarding how the De-  
23 partment of State, the United States International  
24 Development Finance Corporation, and the Depart-  
25 ment of Commerce intend to coordinate its resources

1 to counter the BRI, including the foreign-assistance  
2 functions formerly administered by the United  
3 States Agency for International Development that  
4 have been transferred to the Department of State.  
5 Such strategy shall include the following:

6 (A) A description of interagency efforts to  
7 counter the BRI, together with recommenda-  
8 tions on how to bolster the United States Gov-  
9 ernment's economic competition against China.

10 (B) An assessment of past efforts by the  
11 United States Government to mitigate the ef-  
12 fects of BRI, as well as the gaps in current  
13 United States Government policy and imple-  
14 mentation.

15 (C) A timeline that holds the United  
16 States Government accountable in planning and  
17 executing such strategy.

18 (D) A strategic roadmap that details how  
19 the United States Government will link such  
20 strategy to broader national security priorities  
21 and objectives, including the National Security  
22 Strategy and the National Defense Strategy.

23 (E) A description that elaborates how the  
24 United States Government will align strategic  
25 planning and coordination with key allies and

1 partners to effectively respond to the BRI, par-  
2 ticularly in the Indo-Pacific.

3 (b) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—Not later than one  
4 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
5 retary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of Com-  
6 merce, the Chief Executive Officer of the United States  
7 International Development Finance Corporation, and the  
8 heads of any other relevant Federal department and agen-  
9 cy, shall submit to the appropriate congressional commit-  
10 tees a plan for implementing the strategy described in sub-  
11 section (a)(4), including the following:

12 (1) A description of clearly defined program  
13 metrics, goals, targets, and planned outcomes for  
14 such strategy.

15 (2) A plan to monitor and evaluate such strat-  
16 egy, and progress made toward achieving such goals,  
17 targets, and planned outcomes.

18 (3) A plan to ensure such strategy is promoting  
19 United States foreign policy goals in the Indo-Pa-  
20 cific by offering a positive vision for shared economic  
21 and infrastructure growth in a free and open inter-  
22 national order.

23 (c) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)  
24 shall be submitted in unclassified form but may include  
25 a classified annex if necessary. The unclassified portion

1 of such report shall be made available on a publicly avail-  
2 able internet website of the Federal Government.

3 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES  
4 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-  
5 gressional committees” means—

6 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the  
7 Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee  
8 on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives  
9 and

10 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the  
11 Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Committee  
12 on Finance of the Senate.

13 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

14 In this Act:

15 (1) BRI.—The term “BRI” means the Belt  
16 and Road Initiative of the CCP.

17 (2) CCP.—The term “CCP” means the Chinese  
18 Communist Party.

19 (3) CHINA;PRC.—The terms “China” and  
20 “PRC” mean the People’s Republic of China.