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**Senator Johnson**

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**A R E S O L U T I O N**

To condemn the People's Republic of China and the 1  
Chinese Communist Party for conducting 2  
unrestricted warfare against the world, and 3  
especially against the United States, and for the 4  
systematic, brutal oppression of its own people. 5

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

WHEREAS, There have been over 200 reported instances of 6  
Chinese espionage directed at the United States since 2000, many 7  
cases involving attempts to smuggle controlled items from the 8  
United States to China, usually munitions or controlled 9  
technologies, and more than 1,200 cases of intellectual property 10  
theft lawsuits brought by United States companies against 11  
Chinese entities; and 12

WHEREAS, In the years immediately before 2019, China was 13  
the primary source of United States-bound illicit fentanyl, 14  
fentanyl-related substances, and production equipment. The 15  
People's Republic of China's (PRC) traffickers supplied fentanyl 16  
and fentanyl-related substances directly to the United States 17  
via international mail and express consignment operations; and 18

WHEREAS, To the extent that the PRC is involved directly in 19

enabling the global drug trade, the PRC does so as a means of 20  
facilitating destabilization and division in the United States 21  
and across the region more broadly; and 22

WHEREAS, The PRC failed to keep the COVID-19 virus from 23  
spreading, and was less than forthcoming with respect to 24  
information about the virus; and 25

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Energy has 26  
assessed that the COVID-19 pandemic most likely came from a 27  
laboratory leak in Wuhan, China; and 28

WHEREAS, The PRC's strict COVID-19 policy resulted in 29  
unpredictable lockdowns, idle ports, and congested 30  
infrastructure, contributing greatly to the global supply chain 31  
crisis; and 32

WHEREAS, Despite claims of international environmental 33  
leadership, the PRC's energy-related carbon dioxide emissions 34  
are rising. It has been the world's largest annual greenhouse 35  
gas emitter since 2006, with total energy-related emissions 36  
twice that of the United States and nearly one-third of all 37  
emissions globally; and 38

WHEREAS, The PRC has arbitrarily detained more than one 39  
million Uyghurs and other mostly Muslim minorities in China's 40  
far western Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region; and 41

WHEREAS, It is estimated that 100,000 Uyghurs and other 42  
ethnic minority ex-detainees in China may be working in 43  
conditions of forced labor following detention in reeducation 44  
camps, and many more rural poor workers also experience coercion 45  
without detention; and 46

WHEREAS, The PRC has been included on the List of Goods 47  
Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor since 2009; and 48

WHEREAS, The final judgment of the Independent Tribunal 49  
into Forced Organ Harvesting from Prisoners of Conscience in 50

China Tribunal, published in March 2020, concluded that forced organ harvesting from prisoners of conscience has been practiced for a substantial period of time involving a very substantial number of victims; and

WHEREAS, Chinese espionage is undertaken in pursuit of China's strategic objectives; and

WHEREAS, The PRC has imposed a sweeping national security law on Hong Kong, limiting freedoms of the press and speech, and arresting pro-democracy activists, lawmakers, and journalists, raising questions about Hong Kong's status as a global financial hub; and

WHEREAS, The PRC has employed a variety of coercive tactics to intimidate Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, The PRC has increased the frequency and scale of patrols of PLA bombers, fighter jets, and surveillance aircraft over and around Taiwan, and also has increasingly sailed its warships and aircraft carriers through the Taiwan Strait in shows of force; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan has reported that thousands of cyber attacks from the PRC target its government agencies every day; and

WHEREAS, The PRC regularly is accused of state-organized economic espionage and theft of intellectual property; and

WHEREAS, The PRC is upgrading its offensive nuclear ballistics, airborne, subsurface, and intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBM). It is reported that the PRC is constructing as many as 200 ICBM sites in West China; and

WHEREAS, Across much of the Indo-Pacific region, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) is using military and economic coercion to bully its neighbors, advance unlawful maritime claims, and threaten maritime shipping lanes; and

WHEREAS, The PRC, in direct contravention of international law, and ignoring a recent decision of the Permanent Court of Arbitration in the Hague, has fabricated phony islands in the South China Sea and elsewhere, and has militarized them, thus making false claims to vast ocean territories clearly not their own; and

WHEREAS, Support from the PRC is critical to Russia's ability to continue waging its war against Ukraine. A report from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence has outlined how a range of actors, including the Chinese government, the CCP, state-owned Chinese companies, and other Chinese entities, are supporting Russia's economy and its military; and

WHEREAS, The PRC incorporates a network of monitoring systems to monitor Chinese citizens, including internet surveillance, camera surveillance, and other digital technologies; and

WHEREAS, Under a 2016 cybersecurity law, the PRC, with the help of corporations, has significantly increased mass surveillance. It is estimated that 200 million monitoring cameras have been put to use in mainland China; and

WHEREAS, The CCP continues to violate the right to freedom of religion, persecuting Christians, demolishing churches, and arresting leaders. Tibetan Buddhists are targeted through strict state surveillance, destruction of religious sites, and mass eviction of clergy. More than 500 Tibetans currently are held as political prisoners, including the Panchen Lama, the Dalai Lama's intended successor. These concerns are heightened by the CCP's new forced labor transfer policy. Uyghur Muslims are subject to some of the worst abuses. Between 1.8 million and 3 million Uyghurs have been interned in hundreds of political reeducation camps in Xinjiang Province since 2018, where they

face brutalities including forced labor, torture, sexual abuse, 114  
and forced abortion and sterilization. Hui Muslims also have 115  
witnessed tightening restrictions, including forced mosque 116  
closures and imprisonment of religious leaders. The Falun Gong 117  
members reportedly are subject to forced organ harvesting and 118  
extrajudicial imprisonment; now therefore be it 119

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th 120  
General Assembly of the State of Ohio, in adopting this 121  
resolution, condemn the People's Republic of China and the 122  
Chinese Communist Party for these actions, which constitute 123  
unrestricted warfare against the world, and especially against 124  
the United States, as described in the 1999 book on military 125  
strategy, entitled "Unrestricted Warfare: Two Air Force Senior 126  
Colonels on Scenarios for War and the Operational Art in an Era 127  
of Globalization," by two colonels in the People's Liberation 128  
Army, Qiao Liang and Wang Xiangsui, and for the systematic, 129  
brutal oppression of its own people; and be it further 130

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a duly 131  
authenticated copy of this resolution to the news media of Ohio. 132