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Submitted to the Committee on Homeland Security, Public Safety & Veterans' Affairs
For HB 119

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John Harris
self retired
Waco, TX

A person lobbying for a foreign adversary should not be paid and their time in the congressional area should be limited.

Rebekah Warwick, Texas State Director
Heritage Action for America
Mansfield, TX

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of House Bill 119. My name is Rebekah Warwick and I represent Heritage Action for America, a national grassroots organization with two million conservative activists nationwide, including thousands of Texans.

House Bill 119 is critical legislation that would prohibit foreign adversaries from receiving compensation to influence our state policies.

Foreign adversaries, especially China, seek to undermine our political system and society, including attempts to sway state-level decisions. States face enough challenges from nation-state adversaries without also being forced to contend with their hired agents. House Bill 119 takes a proactive stance in defending the state's political integrity and ensuring the voices of Texans are not undermined by the interests of foreign adversaries.

With House Bill 119 lawmakers can make clear that the Texas Legislature works for the interests of Texas citizens, not foreign adversaries.

Heritage Action urges you to support House Bill 119 and favorably pass the bill.

Rebekah Warwick
Texas State Director
Heritage Action for America

Janine Stevens, Mrs.

Self

Keller, TX

I would dearly love to limit lobbying completely by foreign entities, but if we do not have the strength to pull that rabbit out of the hat, then eliminating compensations related to those lobbying activities which strong and encouraging civil penalties would be a step in the correct direction.

Chris Donofrio

Self

The Woodlands, TX

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB 119.

Please consider adding the following text "or judicial branch." After the words "executive branch" in the following locations:

p1, L16

p2, L1

p2, L4

On p3, L1 please change the text from "secretary of commerce" to "Secretary of Commerce."

Finally, please change the text on p5, L17 from "(1) \$10,000 for each violation; and" to "(1) \$25,000 for each violation; and"

We've experienced so many of these types of violations over the past several years. The cost per violation has to be increased to reflect both a punitive penalty, and a preventative warning. Keep in mind that States, and those, covered by HB 119 are very wealthy. They are increasingly more emboldened in their efforts. We need a proportionate financial penalty on the person in violation of HB 119 should it become law.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT HB 119.

Please, pass it out of Committee quickly.

Respectfully, Chris J Donofrio

Steven Zewe, Mr

Self Retired

Columbus, TX

Get rid of all foreign or taxpayer funded lobbyist

Glenn Vrba

Self

Decatur, TX

Do not allow foreign entities to lobby for their interests.

Michael Belsick

Fredericksburg Tea Party

Fredericksburg, TX

I am FOR HB 119 - No foreign lobbyists

Pam Walker, Mrs.
self - grammar school teacher
Houston, TX

I support the legislation to help protect Texas lands from purchases by foreign entities such as China. I strongly urge my representatives to vote for this legislation.

Claire Lingenfelter
self
Waller, TX

No lobbyists should be allowed to act on behalf of any foreign adversary and those persons should be not allowed to register as a lobbyist in any way.

Linda Holevinski
Self /retired
Plano, TX

I support bills 17 and 119.

Sylvia Coulson
self- Dietitian
Waxahachie, TX

I support this bill. It is important to prohibit compensation for lobbying on behalf of foreign adversaries. This would protect Texas from the CCP's influence peddling schemes. Thank you!

Linda Ricks
Self
Midlothian, TX

Dear Members,
I strongly urge you to support this bill and vote it out of committee n
Thank you,
Linda Ricks

Michele Wallace, Mrs.
Self
Waxahachie, TX

Do not need foreign money and influencers trying to coerce legislators into voting for their foreign wants...no, no, no!!!

Charleen Burghardt
Self
San Antonio, TX

Please protect us from foriegn lobbyist

Donna Hutson
Precinct Chair
De Kalb, TX

Any elected TEXAS legislators should KNOW THAT
TEXANS WOULD NEVER AIBE IN FAVOR OF ALLOWING FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS & ALEINS TO HAVE ACCESS
TO ANYTHING THAT belongs to The State of Texas and its people. We will vote you out??????????????????

Kathy Turner
SELF
McGregor, TX
support

Thomas Mutranowski
Self
Plano, TX

This bill would prohibit compensation for lobbying on behalf of foreign adversaries. This would protect Texas from the CCP's influence peddling schemes.. Chinese entities have been buying swaths of U.S. real estate near military installations, threatening national security and American agriculture production. The CCP Threatens America in several ways - Jobs: The CCP is seizing control of American supply chains, infusing them with China's unfair trade practices, poor environmental standards, and the use of forced labor—all of which undermines American companies and workers. Farmland and Agriculture: Chinese entities are buying swaths of U.S. real estate, including farmland and property near military installations, threatening national security, the agriculture industry, and our food supply chain. Critical Infrastructure: Chinese cyberespionage is targeting all sorts of American businesses and sectors, stealing American technology and intellectual property worth tens of billions of dollars while targeting critical infrastructure, like power grids. Data and Technology: Chinese-controlled tech companies have infiltrated government entities, potentially granting the CCP access to data stored by government departments, educational institutions, and law enforcement agencies. This legislation is a good start to stop the threat from the CCP. Thank you.