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To amend the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended to clarify that the obligation of individuals who formerly served as agents of foreign principals to register as foreign agents under the Act is continuing with respect to activities carried out previously on behalf of such foreign principals, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CLINE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

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 “Foreign Agents Trans-
3 parency Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. CLARIFYING THE CONTINUING OBLIGATION TO**
5 **REGISTER AS AN AGENT OF A FOREIGN PRIN-**
6 **CIPAL.**

7 (a) **OBLIGATION.**—The third sentence of section 2(a)
8 of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as
9 amended (22 U.S.C. 612(a)) is amended by striking “for
10 the period” and inserting “covering the period”.

11 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
12 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to any individual
13 who serves as the agent of a foreign principal under the
14 Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended (22
15 U.S.C. 611 et seq.)—

16 (1) during the 5-year period ending on the date
17 of enactment of this Act;

18 (2) on the date of enactment of this Act; or

19 (3) after the date of enactment of this Act.

20 **SEC. 3. PERMITTING ORDER REQUIRING COMPLIANCE TO**
21 **APPLY AFTER FARA ACTIVITIES HAVE**
22 **ENDED.**

23 (a) **CONTINUAL COMPLIANCE.**—Section 8(f) of the
24 Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended (22
25 U.S.C. 618(f)) is amended—

1 (1) by inserting after the first sentence the fol-
2 lowing: "The Attorney General may make applica-
3 tion for an order requiring a person to comply with
4 any appropriate provision of this Act or any regula-
5 tion thereunder while the person acts as an agent of
6 a foreign principal or at any time thereafter."; and

7 (2) by striking the period at the end and insert-
8 ing the following: ", including an order requiring a
9 person to comply with section 2 with respect to any
10 period during which the person acts as the agent of
11 a foreign principal notwithstanding that the person
12 does not act as the agent of a foreign principal at
13 the time the court issues the order."

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
15 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to any individual
16 who serves as the agent of a foreign principal under the
17 Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended (22
18 U.S.C. 611 et seq.)—

19 (1) during the 5-year period ending on the date
20 of enactment of this Act;

21 (2) on the date of enactment of this Act; or

22 (3) after the date of enactment of this Act.

23 **SEC. 4. ANNUAL REPORTS RELATING TO COMPLIANCE.**

24 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

1 (1) the term “covered action” means an action
2 taken by the Attorney General against a covered in-
3 dividual to enforce the Foreign Agents Registration
4 Act of 1938, as amended (22 U.S.C. 611 et seq.),
5 as amended by sections 2 and 3 of this Act; and

6 (2) the term “covered individual” means an in-
7 dividual who served as the agent of a foreign prin-
8 cipal under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of
9 1938, as amended (22 U.S.C. 611 et seq.) during
10 the 5-year period ending on the date of enactment
11 of this Act.

12 (b) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
13 date of enactment of this Act, and each year from that
14 date thereafter, the Attorney General shall submit to the
15 Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on For-
16 eign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on the
17 Judiciary of the House of Representatives, as well as any
18 other Member of Congress upon request of such Member,
19 a written, machine-readable report that describes each
20 covered action taken by the Attorney General.

21 (c) ORGANIZATION.—Each report submitted under
22 subsection (b) shall be organized by each covered action
23 taken and shall include, with respect to each covered ac-
24 tion—

- 1 (1) the name of each covered individual against
- 2 whom the covered action was taken;
- 3 (2) a description of the rationale behind taking
- 4 the covered action; and
- 5 (3) the status of the covered action.

