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HOUSE RESOLUTION 2002

A RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE ENACTMENT BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS OF THE SECURING
AMERICA'S LAND FROM FOREIGN INTERFERENCE ACT OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION.

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1 Whereas, the United States Department of Agriculture reports that at
2 the end of 2020, foreign investors held an interest in more than 37
3 million acres of United States agricultural land, with China's investment
4 increasing from 13,720 acres in 2010 to more than 350,000 in 2020; and

5 Whereas, from 2009 to 2016, China's agricultural investments in
6 countries around the world grew substantially; and

7 Whereas, Chinese investments in American property could provide the
8 Chinese Communist Party with undue leverage over our nation's supply
9 chains as well as access to sensitive national security information; and

10 Whereas, approximately 14 states have restrictions in place
11 regarding the amount of private agricultural land that foreign interests
12 may own, but the federal government has yet to enact any restrictions on
13 foreign ownership of United States real estate; and

14 Whereas, as American farmers age and the amount of U.S. farmland
15 changing hands increases in coming years, foreign land grabbing will
16 become an even greater threat; and

17 Whereas, foreign investments in American farmland, particularly by
18 the Chinese Communist Party, not only provide opportunities for espionage
19 against our military bases and infrastructure but may also undermine our
20 nation's food security; and

21 Whereas, in the last congressional session, several members of
22 Congress introduced legislation known as the "Securing America's Land from
23 Foreign Interference Act." These bills, S. 4703 and H.R. 3847, would
24 require the United States President to take action to prohibit members of
25 the Chinese Communist Party from purchasing public or private real estate
26 located in the United States; and

27 Whereas, it is imperative that Congress take action to prohibit our
28 nation's top adversaries from purchasing land in the United States in
29 order to protect our nation's food supply and national security.

30 Therefore

31 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona:

32 1. That the Members of the House of Representatives support the
33 enactment of the Securing America's Land from Foreign Interference Act, or
34 similar legislation, to prohibit the sale of United States land to foreign
35 investors.

36 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit
37 copies of this Resolution to the President of the United States, the
38 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States
39 House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of
40 Arizona.