

## **Chairman Moolenaar Remarks**

*Floor Remarks in support of H.R.1516 – The DHS Restrictions on Confucius Institutes and Chinese Entities of Concern Act*

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Mister Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 1516, the DHS Restrictions on Confucius Institutes and Chinese Entities of Concern Act.

The Chinese Communist Party seeks to exert its influence over all aspects of American society, and that includes the American education system. The CCP uses Confucius Institutes as a vehicle to promote a distorted picture of China and provide American universities with a financial incentive to stay in the Party's good graces. Where missiles and ships are considered "hard power" these institutes are "soft power", projecting the long arm of the CCP onto our college campuses.

You see, the Chinese Communist party funds Confucius Institutes because it wants to manipulate the minds of young Americans, whether that be digitally on TikTok or physically through Confucius Institutes.

We can not allow American taxpayer dollars to support universities that allow the presence of these institutes to influence and manipulate their students.

As Chairman of the Select Committee on China, I support this legislation and urge my colleagues to vote yes.