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- "(2) POPULATIONS STUDIED.—The research cohort under "(2) POPULATIONS STUDIED.—The research cohort under paragraph (1) may include—

 "(A) individuals who, on September 11, 2001, were 21 years of age or younger and were—

 "(i) outside the New York City disaster area; and
 "(ii) in—

 "(I) the area of Manhattan not further north than 14th Street; or

 "(II) Brooklyn; and
 "(B) control populations including populations of

 - "(B) control populations, including populations of individuals who, on September 11, 2001, were 21 years of age or younger."

 FUNDING.—Section 3351(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 300mm—
- (b) FUNDING. 61(b)) is amended by inserting after paragraph (3) the following:
 - "(4) LIMITATION FOR RESEARCH COHORT FOR EMERGING HEALTH IMPACTS ON YOUTH.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the amounts made available under such paragraph may not be used for fiscal years 2023 through 2032 to carry out subsection (c) of section 3341.".

 Section 2301(f)(2)(F) of such
- section (c) of section 3341.

 (c) Conforming Amendment.—Section 3301(f)(2)(E) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 300mm(f)(2)(E)) is amended by striking "section" 3341(a)" and inserting "subsection (a) or (c) of section 3341"

DIVISION GG—MERGER FILING FEE **MODERNIZATION**

SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.

This division may be cited as the "Merger Filing Fee Modernization Act of 2022"

TITLE I-MODERNIZING MERGER FIL-ING FEE COLLECTIONS; ACCOUNT-ABILITY REQUIREMENTS; LIMITATION ON FUNDING

SEC. 101. MODIFICATION OF PREMERGER NOTIFICATION FILING FEES.

Section 605 of Public Law 101-162 (15 U.S.C. 18a note) is amended-

- (1) in subsection (b)-

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 (A) in paragraph (1)—

 (i) by striking "\$45,000" and inserting "\$30,000";

 (ii) by striking "\$100,000,000" and inserting "\$161,500,000";

 (iii) by striking "2004" and inserting "2023"; and (iv) by striking "2003" and inserting "2022";

 (B) in paragraph (2)—

 (i) by striking "\$125,000" and inserting "\$100,000";

 (ii) by striking "\$100,000,000" and inserting "\$161,500,000";

 (iii) by striking "\$100,000,000" and inserting "\$161,500,000";

 (iii) by striking "but less" and inserting "but is less"; and
 - less"; and
 (iv) by striking "and" at the end;
 (C) in paragraph (3)—

- (i) by striking "\$280,000" and inserting "\$250,000";
- (ii) by striking the period at the end and inserting "but is less than \$1,000,000,000 (as so adjusted and published);"; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

(4) \$400,000 if the aggregate total amount determined under section 7A(a)(2) of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. 18a(a)(2)) is not less than \$1,000,000,000 (as so adjusted and published)

- but is less than \$2,000,000,000 (as so adjusted and published);
 "(5) \$800,000 if the aggregate total amount determined under section 7A(a)(2) of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. 18a(a)(2)) is not less than \$2,000,000,000 (as so adjusted and published) but is less than \$5,000,000,000 (as so adjusted and published);
- "(6) \$2,250,000 if the aggregate total amount determined under section 7A(a)(2) of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. 18a(a)(2)) is not less than \$5,000,000,000 (as so adjusted and published).";

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(c)(1) For each fiscal year commencing after September 30, 2023, the filing fees in this section shall be increased by an amount equal to the percentage increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index, as determined by the Department of Labor or its successor, for the year then ended over the level so established for the year ending Šeptember 30, 2022.

"(2) As soon as practicable, but not later than January 31 of each year, the Federal Trade Commission shall publish the adjusted amounts required by paragraph (1).

"(3) The Federal Trade Commission shall not adjust amounts

required by paragraph (1) if the percentage increase described in paragraph (1) is less than 1 percent.

(4) An amount adjusted under this section shall be rounded

to the nearest multiple of \$5,000."

SEC. 102. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR MERGER FEE COLLEC-

(a) FTC AND DOJ JOINT REPORT.—For each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027, the Federal Trade Commission and Department of Justice shall jointly and annually report to the Congress on the operation of section 7A of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. 18a) and shall include in such report the following:

(1) The amount of funds made available to the Federal

Trade Commission and the Department of Justice, respectively, from the premerger notification filing fees under this section, as adjusted by the Merger Filing Fee Modernization Act of 2022, as compared to the funds made available to the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice, respectively, from premerger notification filing fees as the fees were deter mined in fiscal year 2022.

(2) The total revenue derived from premerger notification filing fees, by tier, by the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice, respectively.

(3) The gross cost of operations of the Federal Trade Commission, by Budget Activity, and the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice, respectively.

(b) FTC REPORT.—The Federal Trade Commission shall include (f) FIC KEPORT.—The Federal Trade Commission shall include in the report required under subsection (a), in addition to the requirements under subsection (a), for the previous fiscal year—

(1) for actions with respect to which the record of the vote of each member of the Federal Trade Commission is on

the public record of the Federal Trade Commission, a list of each action with respect to which the Federal Trade Commission took or declined to take action on a 3 to 2 vote; and (2) for all actions for which the Federal Trade Commission

took a vote, the percentage of such actions that were decided

took a vote, the percentage of such actions that were decided on a 3 to 2 vote.

(c) SUMMARY.—The Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice shall make the report required under subsection (a) available to the Committees on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and of the Senate, and shall, for fiscal years 2023 through 2027, no later than July 1, present a summary of the joint annual report for the preceding fiscal year, including the information required in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, to the Committees on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and of the Senate.

TITLE II—DISCLOSURE OF SUBSIDIES BY FOREIGN ADVERSARIES

SEC. 201. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) Foreign subsidies, which can take the form of direct subsidies, grants, loans (including below-market loans), loan guarantees, tax concessions, preferential government procurement policies, or government ownership or control, can distort the competitive process by enabling the subsidized firm to submit a bid higher than other firms in the market, or other-wise change the incentives of the firm in ways that undermine

competition following an acquisition.

(2) Foreign subsidies are particularly problematic when granted by countries or entities that constitute a strategic or economic threat to United States interests.

(3) The Made in China 2025 plan, states that the Chinese Communist Party will "support enterprises to carry out mergers and acquisitions (M&A), equity investment, and venture capital

Overseas.

(4) The 2020 report to Congress from the bipartisan U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission concluded that the Chinese Government subsidizes companies with a goal of their expanding into the United States and other countries, of their expanding into the United States and other countries, finding that "[t]his process assists Chinese national champions in surpassing and supplanting global market leaders". The report warns that the risk is particularly acute when it comes to emerging technologies, where China seeks to "surpass and displace the United States altogether [and that] [f]ailure to appreciate the gravity of this challenge and defend U.S. competitiveness would be dire . . . [and] risks setting back U.S. economic and technological progress for decades".

(5) In remarks before the Hudson Institute on December 8 2020. ETC. Commissioner Neah Phillips stated "[Olne area

8, 2020, FTC Commissioner Noah Phillips stated, "[O]ne area where antitrust needs to reckon with the strategic interests

of other nations is when we scrutinize mergers or conduct of other nations is when we scrutinize mergers or conduct involving state-owned entities . . . companies that are controlled, to varying degrees, by the state . . . [and] often are a government tool for implementing industrial policies or to protect national security".

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to require parties providing pre-merger notifications to include in the notification required under section 7A of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. 18a) information concerning subsidies they receive from countries or

information concerning subsidies they receive from countries or entities that are strategic or economic threats to the United States.

SEC. 202. MERGERS INVOLVING FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES.

(a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term "foreign entity of concern" has the meaning given the term in section 40207 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (42 U.S.C. 18741(a)).

(b) ACCOUNTING FOR FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES.—A per-

son required to file a notification under section 7A of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. 18a) that received a subsidy from a foreign entity of concern shall include in such notification content regarding such subsidy.

(c) AUTHORITY OF ANTITRUST REGULATORS.—The Federal Trade Commission, with the concurrence of the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice, and in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, the Secretary of Commerce, the Chair of the United States International Trade Commission, the United States Trade Representative, and the heads of other appropriate agencies, and by rule in accordance with section 553 of title 5, United States Code, shall require that the notification required under subsection (b) be in such form and contain such documentary material and information relevant to a proposed acquisition as is necessary and appropriate to enable the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice to determine whether such acquisition may, if consummated, violate the antitrust

(d) Effective Date.—Subsection (b) shall take effect on the date on which the rule described in subsection (c) takes effect.

TITLE III—VENUE FOR STATE ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT

SEC. 301. VENUE FOR STATE ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT.

Section 1407 of title 28, United States Code, is amended—
(1) in subsection (g) by inserting "or a State" after "United States" and striking "; but shall not include section 4A of the Act of October 15, 1914, as added July 7, 1955 (69 Stat. 282; 15 U.S.C. 15a)"; and
(2) by striking subsection (h).

DIVISION HH—AGRICULTURE

SEC. 101. DEFINITION.

In this division, the term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Agriculture.