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Key Vote NO on the America COMPETES Act, H.R. 4521

On behalf of FreedomWorks’ activist community, I urge you to contact your representative and ask him or her to vote NO on the America COMPETES Act, H.R. 4512. Marketed as a bill to compete with China, this bill is nothing more than a facade by Democrats to push a disastrous big government agenda once again and line the pockets of their political allies.

Reminiscent of the Green New Deal, the nearly 3,000 page America COMPETES Act is full of frivolous spending. The bill subsides the semiconductor industry to the tune of $52 billion, creates new federal grant programs, and establishes time-consuming, bureaucratic hurdles that could block industry leaders from doing business outside of the United States.

The bill also includes funding for radical environmentalist programs: $8 billion for the United Nations Green Climate Fund, $2 million in foreign aid to combat climate change, and $6 million to NOAA to create a National Coral Reef Management Fellowship.

Not to be outdone, the bill also includes several woke initiatives, including $5 million to create a Chief Diversity Officer at the National Science Foundation.

Finally, the bill creates a $45 billion slush fund to be used by labor unions and other political allies of the left.

This $250 billion bill is the definition of frivolous spending and does little-to-nothing to make gains against a rising China. Americans feel the burden of record inflation as prices rise on everything from gas to groceries. For any lawmaker to support the America COMPETES Act while our national debt surpasses $30 trillion is tone-deaf to Americans’ problems.

FreedomWorks will count the vote for H.R. 4521 on our 2022 Congressional Scorecard and reserves the right to score any amendments, motions, or other related votes. The scorecard is
used to determine eligibility for the FreedomFighter Award, which recognizes Members of the House and Senate who consistently vote to support economic freedom and individual liberty.

Sincerely,

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