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Concerning the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. LIPINSKI, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. WOLF, Mr. KING, and Mr. SALMON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

A BILL

Concerning the Fourth World Conference on Women in
Beijing.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CONDITIONS ON EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR**
4 **TRAVEL TO THE FOURTH WORLD CON-**
5 **FERENCE ON WOMEN.**

6 No funds shall be expended for travel by any United
7 States official or delegate to the Fourth World Conference
8 on Women, to be held in Beijing, August and September
9 1995, unless the Secretary of State certifies to Congress
10 that—

1 (1) the process of accrediting nongovernmental
2 organizations for the conference was conducted fair-
3 ly, according to clear criteria, with full opportunity
4 for substantive appeal of denials of accreditation;

5 (2) no nongovernmental organization seeking
6 accreditation to such a conference was denied such
7 accreditation by the conference organizers on the
8 basis of that organization's actual or supposed politi-
9 cal orientation, or its affiliation with a particular
10 ethnic or religious group;

11 (3) accreditation was granted to—

12 (A) at least one group representing the
13 people of Taiwan; and

14 (B) at least one group representing the
15 people of Tibet;

16 (4) all representatives of nongovernmental orga-
17 nizations whose names were submitted to conference
18 officials in a timely fashion were granted visas by
19 the People's Republic of China;

20 (5) arrangements were made by the People's
21 Republic of China to provide the accredited non-
22 governmental organizations with access to the main
23 conference site that is substantially equivalent in
24 manner and degree to access afforded at previous
25 major United Nations conferences;

1 (6) assurances have been received that the Gov-
2 ernment of the People’s Republic of China will re-
3 spect the internationally recognized human rights of
4 delegates to the conference and representatives of
5 accredited nongovernmental organizations, including
6 but not limited to freedom of religion, freedom of
7 speech, and freedom of the press; and

8 (7) the Government of the People’s Republic of
9 China has released unharmed United States citizen
10 Peter H. Wu, known as Harry Wu, and has allowed
11 him to return to the United States.

12 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON PROMOTION OF WOMEN’S**
13 **RIGHTS BY THE UNITED STATES DELEGA-**
14 **TION.**

15 It is the sense of the Congress that—

16 (1) the Fourth World Conference on Women in
17 Beijing, China, should promote an authentic wom-
18 en’s perspective on issues of equality, peace, and de-
19 velopment; and

20 (2) if the United States sends a delegation to
21 the Conference, the delegation should—

22 (A) in accordance with the United Nations
23 Universal Declaration of Human Rights, ensure
24 that “motherhood [is] entitled to special care
25 and assistance.”;

1 (B) in accordance with the Universal Dec-
2 laration of Human Rights, uphold the family as
3 “the natural and fundamental group unit of so-
4 ciety” and therefore “entitled to protection by
5 society and the state”;

6 (C) in accordance with the commonly used
7 and generally accepted usage of the word, make
8 clear that gender refers to woman and man as
9 the two sexes of the human being;

10 (D) in accordance with the United Nations
11 Declaration of Human Rights uphold “the free-
12 dom of conscience and religion [and the] mani-
13 festation [of] one’s religion or belief in prac-
14 tice” with particular regard to those who pro-
15 vide health care services; and

16 (E) oppose abortion and infanticide in-
17 flicted on account of the sex of the child, as well
18 as forced abortion, forced sterilization, and
19 other coercive population control measures, and
20 refrain from promoting the recognition or es-
21 tablishment of an internationally protected
22 right to abortion.

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