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To prohibit the commercial export of covered munitions items to the Hong Kong Police Force.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. COONS, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. WYDEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

A BILL

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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. DEFINITIONS.**

4 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
5 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
6 mittees” means—

7 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
8 the Senate; and

1 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
2 the House of Representatives.

3 (2) COVERED MUNITIONS ITEMS.—The term
4 “covered munitions items” means tear gas, pepper
5 spray, rubber bullets, foam rounds, bean bag rounds,
6 pepper balls, water cannons, handcuffs, shackles,
7 stun guns, and tasers.

8 (3) HONG KONG.—The term “Hong Kong” has
9 the meaning given such term in section 3 of the
10 United States-Hong Kong Policy Act of 1992 (22
11 U.S.C. 5702).

12 (4) HONG KONG POLICE FORCE.—The term
13 “Hong Kong Police Force” means—

14 (A) the Hong Kong Police Force; and

15 (B) the Hong Kong Auxiliary Police Force.

16 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON COMMERCIAL EXPORT OF COV-**
17 **ERED MUNITIONS ITEMS TO THE HONG KONG**
18 **POLICE FORCE.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
20 (b), beginning on the date that is 30 days after the date
21 of the enactment of this Act, the President shall prohibit
22 the issuance of licenses to export covered munitions items
23 to the Hong Kong Police Force.

24 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—The prohibition set forth in sub-
25 section (a) shall not apply to the issuance of a license with

1 respect to which the President submits to the appropriate
2 congressional committees, not fewer than 30 days before
3 the date of such issuance, a written notice—

4 (1) certifying that the exports to be covered by
5 such license are important to the national interests
6 and foreign policy goals of the United States; and

7 (2) describing the manner in which such ex-
8 ports will promote such interests and goals.

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