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To amend title 28, United States Code, to limit the enforcement of foreign
censorship judgments, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LEE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to
the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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ment of foreign censorship judgments, and for other
purposes.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Guaranteeing Rights
5 Against Novel International Tyranny and Extortion Act”
6 or the “GRANITE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON ENFORCEMENT OF FOREIGN CEN-**
 2 **SORSHIP JUDGMENTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 181 of title 28, United
 4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 5 lowing:

6 **“§ 4106. Limitation on enforcement of foreign censor-**
 7 **ship judgments**

8 “(a) DEFINITION.—In this section:

9 “(1) FOREIGN CENSORSHIP LAW.—The term
 10 ‘foreign censorship law’ means any law of a foreign
 11 state that—

12 “(A)(i) has the primary purpose or sub-
 13 stantial effect of restricting or penalizing ex-
 14 pression, expressive conduct, or expressive asso-
 15 ciation;

16 “(ii) targets expression, expressive conduct,
 17 or expressive association based on its content,
 18 viewpoint, or speaker identity; or

19 “(iii) compels disclosure that would reason-
 20 ably chill that expression, expressive conduct, or
 21 expressive association; and

22 “(B) would conflict with the protections of
 23 the First Amendment to the Constitution of the
 24 United States if recognized in the United
 25 States.

1 “(2) FOREIGN STATE.—The term ‘foreign state’
2 has the meaning given the term in section 1603.

3 “(b) LIMITATION ON ENFORCEMENT.—Notwith-
4 standing any other provision of Federal or State law, a
5 domestic court shall not recognize or enforce a foreign
6 judgment, or a fine, order, or demand issued by a foreign
7 court or a foreign state, enforcing a foreign censorship
8 law.

9 “(c) RIGHT OF ACTION.—A United States person
10 against whom a foreign judgment described in subsection
11 (b) is entered, or upon whom a judgment, fine, order, or
12 demand described in subsection (b) is served or purport-
13 edly served, may bring an action in an appropriate district
14 court of the United States seeking declaratory relief that
15 such judgment, fine, order, or demand is unenforceable
16 under subsection (b).”.

17 (b) NO SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY.—Section 1605(a) of
18 title 28, United States Code, is amended—

19 (1) in paragraph (5)(B), by striking “or” at the
20 end;

21 (2) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at
22 the end and inserting “; or”; and

23 (3) by adding at the end the following:

24 “(7) under section 4106.”.

- 1 (c) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
2 The table of sections for chapter 181 of title 28, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

“4106. Limitation on enforcement of foreign censorship judgments.”.

