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We applaud Rep. Michael Baumgartner and the House Education and Workforce Committee for reminding all Americans that Section 117 of the Higher Education Act needs to be reformed and vigilantly enforced to protect our national interests. Far too much money has flowed from foreign adversaries to America's higher education institutions, and there should be penalties when those institutions fail to publicly report such transactions as required by federal law. It is no secret that countries like China and Qatar know that their path to influence runs through college campuses. The DETERRENT Act is an important step to imposing transparency and hobbling those influence campaigns.