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To impose sanctions with respect to the Nord Stream 2 pipeline and for other purposes.

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Mr. PFLUGER (for himself, Mr. BANKS, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. BABIN, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. MANN, and Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Natural Resources, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Midland Over Moscow
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STRATEGY TO STRENGTHEN ENERGY INDEPEND-**
2 **ENCE.**

3 The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Sec-
4 retary of Treasury, the Secretary of Commerce, the Sec-
5 retary of Energy, the Secretary of Defense, and the Sec-
6 retary of the Interior shall, within 180 days, submit to
7 the appropriate congressional committees, a strategy de-
8 tailing the use of diplomatic, financial, and economic
9 means to strengthen United States energy independence,
10 and work with NATO, and other allies and partners, to
11 make countries in the European continent less dependent
12 on Russian oil and gas. The strategy shall have the fol-
13 lowing elements:

14 (1) A description of how the reduction of regu-
15 latory barriers to domestic energy production could
16 assist in these objectives.

17 (2) A description of how economic sanctions can
18 be utilized to counter the Russian Federation's at-
19 tempts to make Europe dependent on Russian oil
20 and gas, including a description on how the Presi-
21 dent will end waivers provided pursuant to the Pro-
22 tecting European Energy Security through Sanc-
23 tions Act (PEESA) in connection with the Nord
24 Stream 2 pipeline.

25 (3) A description of how sanctions on Russia's
26 financial sector, including on multiple major banks

1 and financial systems within the Russian Federa-
2 tion, could be utilized to counter Russia's energy ex-
3 ports to Europe.

4 (4) A description of how the President will use
5 economic sanctions to permanently and irreversibly
6 stop the Nord Stream 2 pipeline, prevent its con-
7 struction, and punish all persons and entities re-
8 sponsible for its attempted construction, operation,
9 or development.

10 (5) A description of how diplomatic efforts
11 could be utilized to bring together our European and
12 NATO allies, including Germany, to permanently
13 and irreversibly stop the Nord Stream 2 pipeline.

14 (6) A description of how Russia's growing rela-
15 tionship with China and Iran in the energy sector ef-
16 fects United States security interests.

17 (7) A description of how the President will end
18 the moratorium on oil and gas leases on public land.

19 (8) A description of how diplomatic efforts
20 could be utilized to promote dialogue within the Eu-
21 ropean Union on their efforts to diversify their nat-
22 ural gas supply through the Southern Gas Corridor.

1 **SEC. 3. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS RELATED TO NORD**
2 **STREAM 2.**

3 (a) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—Not later than 10
4 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Presi-
5 dent shall impose sanctions under subsection (b)(1) with
6 respect to—

7 (1) any entity responsible for planning, con-
8 struction, maintenance, technical assistance, engi-
9 neering assistance, financing, or operation of the
10 Nord Stream 2 pipeline or a successor entity; and

11 (2) any other corporate officer of or principal
12 shareholder with a controlling interest in an entity
13 described in paragraph (1).

14 (b) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The sanctions described in
16 this subsection are the following:

17 (A) BLOCKING OF PROPERTY.—The Presi-
18 dent shall exercise all of the powers granted to
19 the President under the International Emer-
20 gency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et
21 seq.) to the extent necessary to block and pro-
22 hibit all transactions in property and interests
23 in property of the foreign person if such prop-
24 erty and interests in property are in the United
25 States, come within the United States, or are or

1 come within the possession or control of a
2 United States person.

3 (B) ALIENS INELIGIBLE FOR VISAS, AD-
4 MISSION, OR PAROLE.—

5 (i) VISAS, ADMISSION, OR PAROLE.—

6 An alien who the Secretary of State or the
7 Secretary of Homeland Security (or a des-
8 ignee of one of such Secretaries) knows, or
9 has reason to believe, has knowingly en-
10 gaged in any activity described in sub-
11 section (a) is—

12 (I) inadmissible to the United
13 States;

14 (II) ineligible to receive a visa or
15 other documentation to enter the
16 United States; and

17 (III) otherwise ineligible to be
18 admitted or paroled into the United
19 States or to receive any other benefit
20 under the Immigration and Nation-
21 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).

22 (ii) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—

23 (I) IN GENERAL.—The issuing
24 consular officer, the Secretary of
25 State, or the Secretary of Homeland

1 Security (or a designee of one of such
2 Secretaries) shall, in accordance with
3 section 221(i) of the Immigration and
4 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1201(i)),
5 revoke any visa or other entry docu-
6 mentation issued to an alien described
7 in clause (i) regardless of when the
8 visa or other entry documentation is
9 issued.

10 (II) EFFECT OF REVOCATION.—

11 A revocation under subclause (I) shall
12 take effect immediately and shall
13 automatically cancel any other valid
14 visa or entry documentation that is in
15 the alien's possession.

16 (2) EXCEPTIONS.—

17 (A) UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS
18 AGREEMENT.—The sanctions described under
19 paragraph (1)(B) shall not apply with respect
20 to an alien if admitting or paroling the alien
21 into the United States is necessary to permit
22 the United States to comply with the Agree-
23 ment regarding the Headquarters of the United
24 Nations, signed at Lake Success June 26,
25 1947, and entered into force November 21,

1 1947, between the United Nations and the
2 United States, or other applicable international
3 obligations.

4 (B) EXCEPTION FOR INTELLIGENCE, LAW
5 ENFORCEMENT, AND NATIONAL SECURITY AC-
6 TIVITIES.—Sanctions under paragraph (1) shall
7 not apply to any authorized intelligence, law en-
8 forcement, or national security activities of the
9 United States.

10 (C) EXCEPTION RELATING TO IMPORTA-
11 TION OF GOODS.—

12 (i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding
13 any other provision of this section, the au-
14 thorities and requirements to impose sanc-
15 tions under this section shall not include
16 the authority or a requirement to impose
17 sanctions on the importation of goods.

18 (ii) GOOD DEFINED.—In this subpara-
19 graph, the term “good” means any article,
20 natural or man-made substance, material,
21 supply or manufactured product, including
22 inspection and test equipment, and exclud-
23 ing technical data.

24 (c) PENALTIES.—The penalties provided for in sub-
25 sections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the International

1 Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) shall
 2 apply to a person that violates, attempts to violate, con-
 3 spires to violate, or causes a violation of regulations pro-
 4 mulgated to carry out this section or the sanctions im-
 5 posed pursuant to this section to the same extent that
 6 such penalties apply to a person that commits an unlawful
 7 act described in section 206(a) of that Act.

8 (d) IMPLEMENTATION AUTHORITY.—The President
 9 may exercise all authorities provided to the President
 10 under sections 203 and 205 of the International Emer-
 11 gency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704)
 12 for purposes of carrying out this section.

13 (e) REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—The President shall,
 14 not later than 10 days after the date of the enactment
 15 of this Act, promulgate regulations as necessary for the
 16 implementation of this section.

17 (f) REPEAL OF NATIONAL INTEREST WAIVER
 18 UNDER PROTECTING EUROPE’S ENERGY SECURITY ACT
 19 OF 2019.—Section 7503 of the Protecting Europe’s En-
 20 ergy Security Act of 2019 (title LXXV of Public Law
 21 116–92; 22 U.S.C. 9526 note) is amended—

22 (1) in subsection (a)(1)(C), by striking “sub-
 23 section (i)” and inserting “subsection (h)”;

24 (2) by striking subsection (f);

1 (3) by redesignating subsections (g) through (k)
 2 as subsections (f) through (j), respectively; and
 3 (4) in subsection (i), as redesignated by para-
 4 graph (3), by striking “subsection (h)” and inserting
 5 “subsection (g)”.

6 **SEC. 4. NATURAL GAS EXPORTS.**

7 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that expanding nat-
 8 ural gas exports will lead to increased investment and de-
 9 velopment of domestic supplies of natural gas that will
 10 contribute to job growth and economic development.

11 (b) NATURAL GAS EXPORTS.—Section 3(c) of the
 12 Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b(c)) is amended—

13 (1) by inserting “or any other nation not ex-
 14 cluded by this section” after “trade in natural gas”;

15 (2) by striking “(c) For purposes” and insert-
 16 ing the following:

17 “(c) EXPEDITED APPLICATION AND APPROVAL
 18 PROCESS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes”; and

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

21 “(2) EXCLUSIONS.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any nation subject to
 23 sanctions or trade restrictions imposed by the
 24 United States is excluded from expedited ap-
 25 proval under paragraph (1).

1 “(B) DESIGNATION BY PRESIDENT OR
2 CONGRESS.—The President or Congress may
3 designate nations that may be excluded from
4 expedited approval under paragraph (1) for rea-
5 sons of national security.

6 “(3) ORDER NOT REQUIRED.—No order is re-
7 quired under subsection (a) to authorize the export
8 or import of any natural gas to or from Canada or
9 Mexico.”.

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