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To provide for the imposition of sanctions on members of parliament of the Russian Federation who voted on February 15, 2022, in favor of the appeal to President Vladimir Putin to recognize the regions of Donetsk and Luhansk in southeastern Ukraine as one or more independent states.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 25, 2022

Mr. KEATING (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. COSTA, Mr. LIEU, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. MEIJER, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. PHILLIPS, Mr. MEUSER, Ms. SPANBERGER, Ms. MANNING, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. CHABOT, Ms. TITUS, and Mr. LEVIN of Michigan) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SANCTIONS ON MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT OF**
2 **THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION WHO VOTED ON**
3 **FEBRUARY 15, 2022, IN FAVOR OF THE AP-**
4 **PEAL TO PRESIDENT VLADIMIR PUTIN TO**
5 **RECOGNIZE THE REGIONS OF DONETSK AND**
6 **LUHANSK IN SOUTHEASTERN UKRAINE AS**
7 **ONE OR MORE INDEPENDENT STATES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—As a result of the decision of the
9 Government of the Russian Federation to recognize the
10 regions of Donetsk and Luhansk in southeastern Ukraine
11 as one or more independent states on February 21, 2022,
12 the President is authorized to impose sanctions described
13 in subsection (b) with respect to any member of the par-
14 liament of the Russian Federation who voted on February
15 15, 2022, in favor of the appeal to President Vladimir
16 Putin to recognize the regions of Donetsk and Luhansk
17 in southeastern Ukraine as one or more independent
18 states.

19 (b) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—

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

22 (A) ASSET BLOCKING.—The exercise of all
23 powers granted to the President by the Inter-
24 national Emergency Economic Powers Act (50
25 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) to the extent necessary to
26 block and prohibit all transactions in all prop-

erty and interests in property of a person determined by the President to be subject to subsection (a) if such property and interests in property are in the United States, come within the United States, or are or come within the possession or control of a United States person.

(B) INADMISSIBILITY OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.—

(i) INELIGIBILITY FOR VISAS, ADMISSION, OR PAROLE.—A person determined by the President to be subject to subsection (a) is—

(I) inadmissible to the United States;

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

(III) otherwise ineligible to be admitted or paroled into the United States or to receive any other benefit under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).

(ii) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—A foreign person described in clause (i) is also subject to the following:

1 (I) Revocation of any visa or
2 other entry documentation regardless
3 of when the visa or other entry docu-
4 mentation is or was issued.

5 (II) A revocation under subclause
6 (I) shall take effect immediately and
7 automatically cancel any other valid
8 visa or entry documentation that is in
9 the foreign person's possession.

10 (C) UNITED STATES PERSON.—In sub-
11 paragraph (A), the term “United States per-
12 son” means—

13 (i) a United States citizen or an alien
14 lawfully admitted for permanent residence
15 to the United States; or

16 (ii) an entity organized under the laws
17 of the United States or of any jurisdiction
18 within the United States, including a for-
19 eign branch of such an entity.

20 (2) PENALTIES.—A person that violates, at-
21 tempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a
22 violation of paragraph (1)(A) or any regulation, li-
23 cense, or order issued to carry out paragraph (1)(A)
24 shall be subject to the penalties set forth in sub-
25 sections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the Inter-

1 national Emergency Economic Powers Act (50
2 U.S.C. 1705) to the same extent as a person that
3 commits an unlawful act described in subsection (a)
4 of that section.

5 (3) EXCEPTIONS.—

6 (A) EXCEPTION FOR INTELLIGENCE AC-
7 TIVITIES.—Sanctions under this section shall
8 not apply to any activity subject to the report-
9 ing requirements under title V of the National
10 Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3091 et seq.)
11 or any authorized intelligence activities of the
12 United States.

13 (B) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH INTER-
14 NATIONAL OBLIGATIONS AND FOR LAW EN-
15 FORCEMENT ACTIVITIES.—Sanctions under
16 paragraph (1)(B) shall not apply to an alien if
17 admitting the alien into the United States is
18 necessary—

19 (i) to permit the United States to
20 comply with the Agreement regarding the
21 Headquarters of the United Nations,
22 signed at Lake Success June 26, 1947,
23 and entered into force November 21, 1947,
24 between the United Nations and the

United States, or other applicable international obligations; or

(ii) to carry out or assist law enforcement activities in the United States.

(C) EXCEPTION RELATING TO THE IMPORTATION OF GOODS.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—The requirement to block and prohibit all transactions in all property and interests in property under paragraph (1)(A) shall not include the authority to impose sanctions on the importation of goods.

(ii) GOOD DEFINED.—In this paragraph, the term “good” means any article, natural or man-made substance, material, supply or manufactured product, including inspection and test equipment, and excluding technical data.

(c) WAIVER.—The President may waive the application of sanctions under subsection (b) with respect to a person if the President—

(1) determines that such a waiver is in the national security interests of the United States; and

(2) on or before the date on which the waiver takes effect, submits to the Committee on Foreign

1 Relations and the Committee on Banking, Housing,
2 and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee
3 on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Financial
4 Services of the House of Representatives a notice of
5 and a justification for the waiver.

6 (d) REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—The President shall
7 issue such regulations, licenses, and orders as are nec-
8 essary to carry out this section.

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