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To establish the policy of the United States with respect to supporting an insurgency in Ukraine in the event of an invasion of Ukraine by Russia, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY (for himself, Mr. TURNER, and Mr. VEASEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and Foreign Affairs, 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

To establish the policy of the United States with respect to supporting an insurgency in Ukraine in the event of an invasion of Ukraine by Russia, 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 “Supplying Ukraine
5 with Provisions to Protect against Ongoing Russian
6 Threats Act” or the “SUPPORT Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. UKRAINE ANTI-RUSSIAN INSURGENCY.**

2 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
3 gress that—

4 (1) it is in the national security interests of the
5 United States to support the sovereignty and terri-
6 torial integrity of Ukraine, and to continue and
7 deepen the security partnership between the United
8 States and Ukraine;

9 (2) aggression and malign influence by Russia
10 and its proxies in Ukraine are a threat to the sov-
11 ereignty and democratic government of Ukraine;

12 (3) coordination by the United States with the
13 North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the Organiza-
14 tion for Security and Cooperation in Europe, and
15 members of the international community can help
16 strengthen the opposition to the efforts of Russia to
17 further encroach on the territorial sovereignty and
18 right to self-determination of Ukraine;

19 (4) Congress supports efforts to resolve the cri-
20 sis diplomatically, without compromising on the
21 principles on which the NATO alliance and Euro-
22 pean security rest; and

23 (5) Congress believes that the principle that na-
24 tions may not change borders by force is central to
25 the post-World War II international order.

1 (b) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
2 United States that, in the event of an invasion of Ukraine
3 by Russia, the United States will take necessary and ap-
4 propriate steps to support Ukrainian efforts to reassert
5 control of its territory, expel an invading foreign force, and
6 defend its sovereignty. These steps include supporting a
7 Ukrainian insurgency with lethal and nonlethal assistance,
8 and intelligence sharing, with the aim of imposing grave
9 costs on Russia for actions threatening international peace
10 and security.

11 (c) REPORT.—

12 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 30 days
13 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the As-
14 sistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations
15 and Low Intensity Conflict, in coordination with any
16 other official the Assistant Secretary determines ap-
17 propriate, shall submit to the appropriate congres-
18 sional committees a report containing a plan for pro-
19 viding support described in subsection (b) to a
20 Ukrainian insurgency, including with respect to
21 funding, weapons, partner contributions, intelligence
22 sharing, and type of systems to be deployed, and
23 means of insertion.

24 (2) FORM.—The report under paragraph (1)
25 may be submitted in classified form, but if so sub-

1 mitted shall include an unclassified executive sum-
2 mary.

3 (d) INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT RE-
4 GARDING RUSSIAN GRAY ZONE ASSETS.—

5 (1) INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT.—

6 The Director of National Intelligence, acting
7 through the National Intelligence Council, shall
8 produce an intelligence community assessment that
9 contains—

10 (A) a description of the gray zone assets of
11 Russia;

12 (B) an identification of any opportunities
13 to hold such gray zone assets at risk, as a
14 method of influencing the behavior of Russia;
15 and

16 (C) an assessment of the risks and poten-
17 tial benefits, with respect to the interests of the
18 United States, that may result from the seizure
19 of such gray zone assets to hold the assets at
20 risk.

21 (2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In identifying opportu-
22 nities to hold a gray zone asset of Russia at risk
23 under paragraph (1)(B), the National Intelligence
24 Council shall consider the following:

1 (A) The effect on civilians of holding the
2 gray zone asset at risk.

3 (B) The extent to which the gray zone
4 asset is substantially State-owned or substan-
5 tially controlled by Russia.

6 (C) The likelihood that holding the gray
7 zone asset at risk will influence the behavior of
8 Russia.

9 (D) The likelihood that holding the gray
10 asset at risk, or degrading the asset, will affect
11 any attempt of Russia to use force to change
12 existing borders or undermine the political inde-
13 pendence or territorial integrity of any State,
14 including Ukraine.

15 (E) Such other factors as the National In-
16 telligence Council may determine appropriate.

17 (3) APPENDIX.—The intelligence community
18 assessment under paragraph (1) shall include an ap-
19 pendix that contains a list of the categories of gray
20 zone assets of Russia, with specific examples of—

21 (A) gray zone assets in each category; and

22 (B) for each such gray zone asset listed,
23 the ways in which Russia uses the asset to ad-
24 vance its gray zone activities.

1 (4) SUBMISSION.—The Director, consistent
2 with the protection of sources and methods, shall
3 submit to the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-
4 ligence of the House of Representatives and the Se-
5 lect Committee on Intelligence of the Senate the in-
6 telligence community assessment under paragraph
7 (1).

8 (5) FORM.—The intelligence community assess-
9 ment under paragraph (1) shall be submitted in un-
10 classified form, but may contain a classified annex.

11 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
13 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
14 mittees” means—

15 (A) the Committees on Armed Services of
16 the House of Representatives and the Senate;
17 and

18 (B) the Permanent Select Committee on
19 Intelligence of the House of Representatives
20 and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the
21 Senate.

22 (2) GRAY ZONE ACTIVITY.—The term “gray
23 zone activity” has the meaning given that term in
24 section 708(b) of H.R. 5412 of the 117th Congress,
25 as reported by the Permanent Select Committee on

1 Intelligence of the House of Representatives on Oc-
2 tober 28, 2021.

3 (3) GRAY ZONE ASSET.—The term “gray zone
4 asset”—

5 (A) means an entity or proxy that is con-
6 trolled, in whole or in part, by a foreign adver-
7 sary of the United States and is used by such
8 foreign adversary in connection with a gray
9 zone activity; and

10 (B) includes a State-owned enterprise of a
11 foreign adversary that is so used.

12 (4) INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.—The term
13 “intelligence community” has the meaning given
14 that term in section 3 of the National Security Act
15 of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003).

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