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To authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Ukraine.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GERLACH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds as follows:

5 (1) Ukraine allows its citizens the right and op-
6 portunity to emigrate, free of any heavy tax on emi-
7 gration or on the visas or other documents required
8 for emigration and free of any tax, levy, fine, fee, or
9 other charge on any citizens as a consequence of the

1 desire of such citizens to emigrate to the country of
2 their choice.

3 (2) Ukraine has received normal trade relations
4 treatment since 1992 and has been found to be in
5 full compliance with the freedom of emigration re-
6 quirements under title IV of the Trade Act of 1974
7 since 1994.

8 (3) Since the establishment of an independent
9 Ukraine in 1991, Ukraine has made substantial
10 progress toward the creation of democratic institu-
11 tions and a free-market economy.

12 (4) Ukraine has committed itself to ensuring
13 freedom of religion, respect for rights of minorities,
14 and eliminating intolerance and has been a paragon
15 of inter-ethnic cooperation and harmony, as evi-
16 denced by the annual human rights reports of the
17 Organization for Security and Cooperation in Eu-
18 rope (OSCE) and the United States Department of
19 State.

20 (5) Ukraine has taken major steps toward glob-
21 al security by ratifying the Treaty on the Reduction
22 and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Weapons
23 (START I) and the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation
24 of Nuclear Weapons, subsequently turning over the
25 last of its Soviet-era nuclear warheads on June 1,

1 1996, and agreeing, in 1998, not to assist Iran with
2 the completion of a program to develop and build
3 nuclear breeding reactors, and has fully supported
4 the United States in nullifying the Anti-Ballistic
5 Missile (ABM) Treaty.

6 (6) At the Madrid Summit in 1997, Ukraine
7 became a member of the North Atlantic Cooperation
8 Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization
9 (NATO), and has been a participant in the Partner-
10 ship for Peace (PfP) program since 1994.

11 (7) Ukraine is a peaceful state which estab-
12 lished exemplary relations with all neighboring coun-
13 tries, and consistently pursues a course of European
14 integration with a commitment to ensuring democ-
15 racy and prosperity for its citizens.

16 (8) Ukraine has built a broad and durable rela-
17 tionship with the United States and has been an un-
18 wavering ally in the struggle against international
19 terrorism that has taken place since the attacks
20 against the United States that occurred on Sep-
21 tember 11, 2001.

22 (9) Ukraine has concluded a bilateral trade
23 agreement with the United States that entered into
24 force on June 23, 1992, and is in the process of ac-
25 ceding to the World Trade Organization.

1 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV OF**
2 **THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 TO THE PRODUCTS**
3 **OF UKRAINE.**

4 (a) **PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATIONS AND EXTEN-**
5 **SION OF NONDISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT.**—Notwith-
6 standing any provision of title IV of the Trade Act of 1974
7 (19 U.S.C. 2431 et seq.), the President may—

8 (1) determine that such title should no longer
9 apply to Ukraine; and

10 (2) after making a determination under para-
11 graph (1) with respect to Ukraine, proclaim the ex-
12 tension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal
13 trade relations treatment) to the products of that
14 country.

15 (b) **TERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY OF TITLE**
16 **IV.**—On and after the effective date under subsection (a)
17 of the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment to the
18 products of Ukraine, title IV of the Trade Act of 1974
19 shall cease to apply to that country.

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