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To require the Director of National Intelligence to investigate whether the National Rifle Association benefitted from Russia's involvement in the United States presidential election of 2016.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 2018

Mrs. TORRES (for herself, Ms. MENG, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Mr. MCGOVERN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

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## 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 “Maria Butina NRA  
5       Transparency Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress finds the following:

1           (1) On January 6, 2017, the Office of the Di-  
2           rector of National Intelligence issued its Intelligence  
3           Community Assessment “Assessing Russian Activi-  
4           ties and Intentions in Recent U.S. Elections”, which  
5           stated that “We assess Russian President Vladimir  
6           Putin ordered an influence campaign in 2016 aimed  
7           at the U.S. presidential election. Russia’s goals were  
8           to undermine public faith in the U.S. democratic  
9           process, denigrate Secretary Clinton, and harm her  
10          electability and potential presidency. We further as-  
11          sess Putin and the Russian Government developed a  
12          clear preference for President-elect Trump.”

13          (2) On July 2, 2018, the Select Committee on  
14          Intelligence of the Senate released its evaluation of  
15          the January 6, 2017, Intelligence Community As-  
16          sessment, finding that “The Committee finds that  
17          the Intelligence Community met President Obama’s  
18          tasking and that the ICA is a sound intelligence  
19          product. While the Committee had to rely on agen-  
20          cies that the sensitive information and accesses had  
21          been accurately reported, as part of our inquiry the  
22          Committee reviewed analytic procedures, interviewed  
23          senior intelligence officers well-versed with the infor-  
24          mation, and based our findings on the entire body  
25          of intelligence reporting included in the ICA.”

1           (3) On Monday, July 17, a Federal court in  
2           Washington, DC, charged Maria Butina, a Russian  
3           national with a long record of gun rights activism  
4           and ties to the National Rifle Association, with con-  
5           spiracy under section 371 of title 18, United States  
6           Code, to act as an agent of a foreign government  
7           (the Russian Federation) under section 951 of title  
8           18, United States Code.

9   **SEC. 3. NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE ON RUSSIAN**  
10                                   **INFLUENCE THROUGH NRA.**

11           Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-  
12           ment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence, in  
13           coordination with the Secretary of State and the Secretary  
14           of the Treasury, shall produce a national intelligence esti-  
15           mate of the total amount of the funds provided to the Na-  
16           tional Rifle Association by the Russian Federation, includ-  
17           ing funds provided through intermediaries, for the purpose  
18           of influencing the 2016 presidential election in the United  
19           States.

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