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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 7, 2019

Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. SMITH, and Ms. HARRIS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 “Preserving Arms Con-
5 trol Treaties (PACT) Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO TAKE ACTIONS**
2 **THAT WOULD CONSTITUTE VIOLATIONS OF**
3 **THE INTERMEDIATE-RANGE NUCLEAR**
4 **FORCES TREATY DURING THE SIX-MONTH**
5 **WITHDRAWAL PERIOD FROM THE TREATY.**

6 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no funds
7 may be obligated or expended to take any action that
8 would constitute a violation of the INF Treaty for the du-
9 ration of the six-month withdrawal period under the Trea-
10 ty, effective as of February 2, 2019.

11 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON INF TREATY WITHDRAWAL.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
13 date of the enactment of this Act, and every 30 days there-
14 after during the six-month withdrawal period described in
15 section (2), the Secretary of State, in concurrence with
16 the Secretary of Defense and the Director of National In-
17 telligence, shall submit to the appropriate committees of
18 Congress a report that includes the following elements:

19 (1) A description of diplomatic, economic, and
20 INF-compliant military measures that the United
21 States has undertaken in order to bring the Russian
22 Federation back into compliance during the six-
23 month withdrawal period, including consultations
24 with North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
25 allies.

1 (2) A description of the status of the develop-
2 ment of the Russian Federation’s GLCM (SSC–8)
3 and any other INF-range systems, their capabilities,
4 current deployment levels, and the threat they may
5 pose to the United States European and Asian allies
6 and assets in the region.

7 (3) A formal, detailed description of the arms
8 control proposal that the President referenced in his
9 State of the Union Address on February 5, 2019,
10 and the status of any offer to convene the party or
11 parties therein referenced to negotiate the terms of
12 a new agreement.

13 (b) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required under
14 subsection (a) shall be unclassified with a classified annex
15 if necessary.

16 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

17 In this Act:

18 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
19 GRESS.—the term “appropriate committees of Con-
20 gress” means—

21 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations,
22 the Committee on Armed Services, and the
23 Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;
24 and

1 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
2 Committee on Armed Services, and the Com-
3 mittee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
4 resentatives.

5 (2) INF TREATY.—The term “INF Treaty”
6 means the Treaty between the United States of
7 America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
8 on the Elimination of Their Intermediate-Range and
9 Shorter-Range Missiles, together with the Memo-
10 randum of Understanding and Two Protocols, signed
11 at Washington December 8, 1987, and entered into
12 force June 1, 1988.

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