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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia (for herself, Mr. ARRINGTON, and Mr. CUELLAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Financial Services, Oversight and Accountability, Ways and Means, and 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

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## A BILL

To enhance the security of the United States and its allies,  
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 “Energy Security Co-  
5 operation with Allied Partners in Europe Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

7 It is the policy of the United States—

1           (1) to reduce the dependency of allies and part-  
2           ners of the United States on Russian energy re-  
3           sources, especially natural gas, in order for those  
4           countries to achieve lasting and dependable energy  
5           security;

6           (2) to condemn the Government of the Russian  
7           Federation for, and to deter that government from,  
8           using its energy resources as a geopolitical weapon  
9           to coerce, intimidate, and influence other countries;

10          (3) to improve energy security in Europe by in-  
11          creasing access to diverse, reliable, and affordable  
12          energy;

13          (4) to promote energy security in Europe by  
14          working with the European Union and other allies of  
15          the United States to develop liberalized energy mar-  
16          kets that provide diversified energy sources, sup-  
17          pliers, and routes;

18          (5) to continue to strongly oppose the Nord  
19          Stream 2 pipeline based on its detrimental effects on  
20          the energy security of the European Union and the  
21          economy of Ukraine and other countries in Central  
22          Europe through which natural gas is transported;  
23          and

1           (6) to support countries that are allies or part-  
2           ners of the United States by expediting the export  
3           of energy resources from the United States.

4 **SEC. 3. NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION.**

5           The President should direct the United States Per-  
6           manent Representative on the Council of the North Atlan-  
7           tic Treaty Organization (in this Act referred to as  
8           “NATO”) to use the voice and influence of the United  
9           States to encourage NATO member countries to work to-  
10          gether to achieve energy security for those countries and  
11          countries in Europe and Eurasia that are partners of  
12          NATO.

13 **SEC. 4. TRANSATLANTIC ENERGY STRATEGY.**

14          (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
15          gress that the United States and other NATO member  
16          countries should explore ways to ensure that NATO mem-  
17          ber countries diversify their energy supplies and routes in  
18          order to enhance their energy security, including through  
19          the development of a transatlantic energy strategy.

20          (b) TRANSATLANTIC ENERGY STRATEGY.—

21               (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
22               after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
23               retary of State, in coordination with the Adminis-  
24               trator of the United States Agency for International  
25               Development and the Secretary of Energy, shall sub-

1 mit to the appropriate congressional committees a  
2 transatlantic energy strategy for the United  
3 States—

4 (A) to enhance the energy security of  
5 NATO member countries and countries that are  
6 partners of NATO; and

7 (B) to increase exports of energy, energy  
8 technologies, and energy development services  
9 from the United States to such countries.

10 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
11 TEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “ap-  
12 propriate congressional committees” means—

13 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of  
14 the Senate; and

15 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
16 the House of Representatives.

17 **SEC. 5. EXPEDITED APPROVAL OF EXPORTATION OF NAT-**  
18 **URAL GAS TO UNITED STATES ALLIES.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3(c) of the Natural Gas  
20 Act (15 U.S.C. 717b(c)) is amended—

21 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “For purposes”;

22 (2) by striking “nation with which there is in  
23 effect a free trade agreement requiring national  
24 treatment for trade in natural gas” and inserting  
25 “foreign country described in paragraph (2)”; and

1           (3) by adding at the end the following:

2           “(2) A foreign country described in this paragraph  
3 is—

4           “(A) a nation with which there is in effect a  
5 free trade agreement requiring national treatment  
6 for trade in natural gas;

7           “(B) a member country of the North Atlantic  
8 Treaty Organization;

9           “(C) subject to paragraph (3), Japan; and

10           “(D) any other foreign country if the Secretary  
11 of Energy, in consultation with the Secretary of  
12 State and Secretary of Defense, determines that ex-  
13 portation of natural gas to that foreign country  
14 would promote the national security interests of the  
15 United States.

16           “(3) The exportation of natural gas to Japan shall  
17 be deemed to be consistent with the public interest pursu-  
18 ant to paragraph (1), and applications for such expor-  
19 tation shall be granted without modification or delay  
20 under that paragraph, during only such period as the  
21 Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security, signed at  
22 Washington January 19, 1960, and entered into force  
23 June 23, 1960 (11 UST 1632; TIAS 4509), between the  
24 United States and Japan, remains in effect.”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
2 this section shall apply with respect to applications for the  
3 authorization to export natural gas under section 3 of the  
4 Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b) that are pending on,  
5 or filed on or after, the date of the enactment of this Act.

6 **SEC. 6. MANDATORY SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE**  
7 **DEVELOPMENT OF PIPELINES IN THE RUS-**  
8 **SIAN FEDERATION.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall impose five  
10 or more of the sanctions described in section 235 of the  
11 Countering America’s Adversaries Through Sanctions Act  
12 (22 U.S.C. 9529) with respect to a person if the President  
13 determines that the person knowingly, on or after the date  
14 of the enactment of this Act, makes an investment de-  
15 scribed in subsection (b) or sells, leases, or provides to  
16 the Government of the Russian Federation, or to any enti-  
17 ty owned or controlled by that government, for the con-  
18 struction of Russian energy export pipelines, goods, serv-  
19 ices, technology, information, or support described in sub-  
20 section (c)—

21 (1) any of which has a fair market value of  
22 \$1,000,000 or more; or

23 (2) that, during a 12-month period, have an ag-  
24 gregate fair market value of \$5,000,000 or more.

1 (b) INVESTMENT DESCRIBED.—An investment de-  
2 scribed in this subsection is any contribution of assets, in-  
3 cluding a loan guarantee or any other transfer of value,  
4 that directly and significantly contributes to the enhance-  
5 ment of the ability of the Government of the Russian Fed-  
6 eration, or any entity owned or controlled by that govern-  
7 ment, to construct energy export pipelines.

8 (c) GOODS, SERVICES, TECHNOLOGY, INFORMATION,  
9 OR SUPPORT DESCRIBED.—Goods, services, technology,  
10 information, or support described in this subsection are  
11 goods, services, technology, information, or support that  
12 could directly and significantly facilitate the maintenance  
13 or expansion of the construction, modernization, or repair  
14 of energy export pipelines by the Government of the Rus-  
15 sian Federation or any entity owned or controlled by that  
16 government.

17 (d) PRESIDENTIAL WAIVER AUTHORITY AND NOTICE  
18 TO CONGRESS.—

19 (1) PRESIDENTIAL WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The  
20 President may waive the application of sanctions  
21 under this section if the President determines that  
22 it is in the national security interests of the United  
23 States to waive such sanctions.

24 (2) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not less than 15  
25 days before taking action to waive the application of

1 sanctions under paragraph (1), the President shall  
2 submit to the Committee on Foreign Relations of  
3 the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
4 the House of Representatives a notification of, and  
5 written justification for, the action.

6 (e) EXCEPTION FOR IMPORTATION OF GOODS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The authority to impose  
8 sanctions under subsection (a) shall not include the  
9 authority to impose sanctions with respect to the im-  
10 portation of goods.

11 (2) GOOD DEFINED.—In this subsection, the  
12 term “good” means any article, natural or manmade  
13 substance, material, supply or manufactured prod-  
14 uct, including inspection and test equipment, and ex-  
15 cluding technical data.

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