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To strengthen United States relations with certain countries of Central and Southeast Europe and develop a comprehensive strategy to strengthen democracy, rule of law, and civil society, and for other purposes.

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Mr. KEATING (for himself and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “Transatlantic Growth
5 Enterprise Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

7 The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title.
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Sec. 5. Establishment of Transatlantic Growth Enterprise.

Sec. 6. Definitions.

1 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The United States has a strong and unwav-
4 ering interest in promoting peace, security, democ-
5 racy, good governance, and rule of law in Central
6 and Eastern Europe.

7 (2) Many countries in Central and Eastern Eu-
8 rope are strong and reliable NATO partners that
9 serve as indefensible allies to the United States and
10 transatlantic security.

11 (3) In recent years, de-democratization in Cen-
12 tral and Eastern Europe, particularly in Hungary,
13 has greatly undermined the United States bilateral
14 relationship with those countries and have enabled
15 malign actors like China and Russia to gain a foot-
16 hold in the transatlantic alliance.

17 (4) Russia's illegal war of aggression in
18 Ukraine and China's significant support for Russia's
19 war of aggression pose a significant economic and
20 security threat to the European continent.

21 (5) Strengthening the United States security
22 and economic relationship with Central and Eastern
23 Europe while countering malign action in the region
24 is in the vital interest of the United States.

1 **SEC. 4. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2 It is the sense of Congress that—

3 (1) a strong security and economic relationship
4 between the United States and countries in Central
5 and Eastern Europe is vital to United States na-
6 tional security;

7 (2) Central and Eastern European countries
8 play an important role in NATO and the trans-
9 atlantic security architecture and serve as a bulwark
10 against Russian malign influence and aggression;

11 (3) the United States can better counter the in-
12 fluence of the People’s Republic of China around the
13 world through transatlantic cooperation including
14 with countries in Central and Eastern Europe; and;
15 and

16 (4) United States investments in Central and
17 Eastern Europe and strengthened business to busi-
18 ness ties between the United States and Central and
19 Eastern Europe strengthen the economic security of
20 the transatlantic relationship and contribute to in-
21 creased prosperity and energy security around the
22 world.

23 **SEC. 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF TRANSATLANTIC GROWTH EN-**
24 **TERPRISE.**

25 (a) ENTERPRISE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of
26 State shall, in coordination with the Chief Executive Offi-

cer of the Development Finance Corporation, and other relevant Federal agencies, carry out a program, to be known as the “Transatlantic Growth Enterprise”, in support of strengthening United States relations with participating Enterprise countries, with a particular focus on strengthening business to business ties and fostering a robust investment environment in participating Enterprise countries as well as expanding energy security and security cooperation within Enterprise countries.

(b) OBJECTIVES.—The objectives of the Enterprise shall be the following:

(1) Strengthen United States relationships with like-minded participating countries.

(2) Expand business-to-business ties, including by working with relevant Chambers of Commerce, between United States industry and important economic and security sectors in participating countries.

(3) Expand energy sector cooperation between the United States and Enterprise countries, including in the nuclear energy sector.

(4) Strengthen people-to-people ties between the United States and participating countries.

(5) Strengthen security cooperation and efforts to counter Russian malign influence and aggression on the European continent.

1 (6) Counter the People’s Republic of China’s
2 growing private sector footprint in Enterprise coun-
3 tries;

4 (c) MEETINGS.—The Secretary shall seek to convene
5 appropriate stakeholders of participating Enterprise coun-
6 tries at least twice per calendar year to discuss shared
7 goals and priorities for the Enterprise. Such stakeholders
8 shall include, as practicable, government officials, business
9 leaders, and civil society representatives.

10 (d) LIMITATION.—To the extent that projects or ac-
11 tivities are undertaken or supported by the Secretary, the
12 Enterprise may only engage with counterpart government
13 officials of Enterprise countries that the Secretary has de-
14 termined are not undermining United States interests in
15 the region—

16 (1) through cooperation with Russia or China;
17 or

18 (2) by undermining democracy in the region in-
19 cluding through the conclusion of a bilateral agree-
20 ment with the People’s Republic of China or the
21 Russian Federation that enables the stationing of
22 that country’s police or military forces on the enter-
23 prise country’s territory.

24 (e) REPORTS.—

1 (1) IMPLEMENTATION REPORT.—Not later than
2 180 days after enactment of this Act, and annually
3 thereafter, the Secretary, in coordination with the
4 heads of the Federal agencies described in sub-
5 section (a), shall submit to the appropriate congres-
6 sional committees a report detailing the activities of
7 the Enterprise, which shall also include—

8 (A) an overview of the diplomatic engage-
9 ments undertaken in the Enterprise;

10 (B) an assessment of the progress of
11 achieving the objectives described in subsection
12 (b); and

13 (C) recommendations for future initiatives
14 for the Enterprise to undertake.

15 (2) FORM.—The report required by paragraph
16 (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may
17 contain a classified annex.

18 (3) ENERGY STRATEGY.—Not later than 1 year
19 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
20 retary of State, in consultation with the heads of the
21 Federal agencies described in subsection (a), shall
22 submit to the appropriate congressional committees
23 a report that includes the following:

1 (A) An overview of ongoing energy co-
2 operation between the United States and par-
3 ticipating Enterprise countries.

4 (B) An overview of the dependency of en-
5 terprise countries on the Russian and Chinese
6 energy sectors and the impacts of these depend-
7 encies on United States and transatlantic trade
8 and energy security.

9 (C) A list of opportunities in the energy
10 sectors of participating countries, including in
11 energy infrastructure, that would enhance the
12 work of the Enterprise, further United States
13 national security, support decoupling from en-
14 ergy sector dependencies on Russia and China,
15 and strengthen United States bilateral relations
16 with enterprise countries.

17 (D) An assessment of required appropria-
18 tions or additional needed authorities for the
19 United States to carry out public sector oppor-
20 tunities listed pursuant to subsection (c).

21 (E) An assessment of actions required by
22 the private sector and opportunities for the
23 United States to provide support to the private
24 sector to carry out private sector opportunities
25 listed pursuant to subsection (c).

1 **SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
4 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
5 mittees” means the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
6 the House of Representatives and the Committee on
7 Foreign Relations of the Senate.

8 (2) ENTERPRISE COUNTRY.—The term “Enter-
9 prise country” means the Czech Republic, Poland,
10 Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Moldova, Ukraine, or
11 Bulgaria, and may include any other country in Cen-
12 tral and Eastern Europe that the Secretary of State
13 determines appropriate to participate in the Enter-
14 prise authorized by section 5.

15 (3) NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZA-
16 TION.—The term “NATO” means the North Atlan-
17 tic Treaty Organization.

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