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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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AN ACT

To direct the Director of National Intelligence to submit intelligence assessments of the intentions of the political leadership of the Russian Federation, 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 “Keeping Russian En-
5 trapments Minimal and Limiting Intelligence Networks
6 Act” or the “KREMLIN Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Russia continues to engage in information
2 warfare and political interference in the West, in-
3 cluding by undermining democratic systems and ex-
4 ploiting economic and ethnic tensions within member
5 countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

6 (2) Such activities constitute a threat to the
7 United States and to its allies.

8 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

9 It is the sense of Congress that—

10 (1) the Countering America’s Adversaries
11 Through Sanctions Act (Public Law 115–44) au-
12 thorized the United States Government to impose
13 sanctions in response to actions by countries, includ-
14 ing Russia, that undermine the security of the
15 United States;

16 (2) the United States should sustain its con-
17 tribution to the newly deployed enhanced forward
18 presence of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization
19 (NATO) in Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia
20 and encourage Canada, the United Kingdom, and
21 Germany to continue their important leadership
22 roles in the military presence of NATO in those
23 countries;

24 (3) the United States has defensive intentions
25 in pursuing such sanctions and such enhanced mili-

1 tary posture in Europe, and does not seek to threat-
2 en Russian territory;

3 (4) the United States does not seek to be an
4 enemy of the Russian people;

5 (5) the United States desires a peaceful, eco-
6 nomically prosperous relationship with Russia based
7 on democratic principles where freedom and the rule
8 of law are upheld for all; and

9 (6) the United States is committed to defending
10 these fundamental beliefs against any Russian ag-
11 gression.

12 **SEC. 4. REQUIREMENT FOR INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENTS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
14 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National
15 Intelligence, in consultation with the Secretary of State
16 and the Secretary of Defense, shall submit to the appro-
17 priate congressional committees each of the assessments
18 described in subsection (b).

19 (b) ASSESSMENTS DESCRIBED.—The assessments
20 described in this section are the following with respect to
21 the current intentions of the political leadership of the
22 Russian Federation and based on intelligence obtained
23 from all sources:

24 (1) Potential military action against members
25 of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

1 (2) Potential responses to an enlarged United
2 States or NATO military presence in eastern Europe
3 or to increased United States military support for
4 allies and partners in the region, such as the provi-
5 sion of additional lethal military equipment to
6 Ukraine or Georgia.

7 (3) Potential areas where the Government of
8 the Russian Federation could exploit weaknesses and
9 divisions among the governments of its Western ad-
10 versaries.

11 (c) FORM.—Each assessment required under sub-
12 section (a) may be submitted in classified form but shall
13 also include an unclassified executive summary, consistent
14 with the protection of intelligence sources and methods.

15 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—
16 In this section, the term “appropriate congressional com-
17 mittees” means—

18 (1) the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-
19 ligence, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the
20 Committee on Armed Services of the House of Rep-
21 resentatives; and

(2) the Select Committee on Intelligence, the Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate.

Passed the House of Representatives March 12,
2019.

Attest: **CHERYL L. JOHNSON,**
Clerk.

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