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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. FITZPATRICK)
introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on
Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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tion and require a report regarding such cooperation,
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 “Ukraine Cybersecurity
5 Cooperation Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The United States established diplomatic
2 relations with Ukraine in 1992, following its inde-
3 pendence from the Soviet Union.

4 (2) The United States attaches great impor-
5 tance to the success of Ukraine's transition to a
6 modern democratic country with a flourishing mar-
7 ket economy.

8 (3) In 2014, days before the Presidential elec-
9 tion in Ukraine, there took place a failed attempt to
10 destroy the election system software through a cyber
11 attack.

12 (4) In December 2015, Ukrainian power com-
13 panies experienced unscheduled power outages im-
14 pacting a large number of customers in Ukraine
15 from a cyber attack.

16 (5) In response to cyber attacks in Ukraine,
17 Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko emphasized
18 the need for a National Cyber Security System de-
19 claring that cyberspace has turned into another bat-
20 tlefield 101 for State independence.

21 (6) As a result of the December 2015
22 cyberattack, the United States sent interagency
23 teams that included representatives from the De-
24 partment of Energy, the Federal Bureau of Inves-
25 tigation, and the North American Electric Reliability

1 Corporation to Ukraine to look into the safety of
2 their infrastructure and to help with investigations.
3 The visit was followed up by another interagency
4 delegation to Ukraine in March 2016, and a May
5 2016 United States-Ukrainian tabletop exercise on
6 mitigating attacks against Ukraine’s infrastructure.

7 (7) As noted by former Deputy Secretary of
8 Commerce, Bruce Andrews, “Cybersecurity is a per-
9 fect example of a sector in which we can work to-
10 gether to increase national and economic security,
11 create jobs, and provide mutual prosperity for both
12 our economies. Together I am confident that we can
13 provide leadership to enhance cybersecurity capabili-
14 ties across Central and Southeast Europe.”.

15 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

16 It is the policy of the United States to—

17 (1) reaffirm the commitment of the United
18 States to the United States-Ukraine Charter on
19 Strategic Partnership, which highlights the impor-
20 tance of the bilateral relationship and outlines en-
21 hanced cooperation in the areas of defense, security,
22 economics and trade, energy security, democracy,
23 and cultural exchanges;

1 (2) reaffirm the commitment of the United
2 States to support cooperation between the North At-
3 lantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and Ukraine;

4 (3) reaffirm the commitment of the United
5 States to provide financial, economic, and technical
6 assistance to Ukraine to achieve its goals for the
7 Ukrainian Government to make progress on reforms
8 and anticorruption initiatives;

9 (4) reaffirm the commitment of the United
10 States to the Budapest Memorandum on security as-
11 surances; and

12 (5) assist the Ukrainian Government to improve
13 its cybersecurity strategy.

14 **SEC. 4. UNITED STATES ACTIONS TO ASSIST UKRAINE TO**
15 **IMPROVE ITS CYBERSECURITY AND PROTECT**
16 **AMERICAN INTERESTS.**

17 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
18 gress that the Secretary of State should take the following
19 actions, commensurate with United States interests, to as-
20 sist Ukraine to improve its cybersecurity:

21 (1) Provide Ukraine such support as may be
22 necessary to increase most advanced security protec-
23 tion on government computers, particularly such sys-
24 tems that defend the critical infrastructure of
25 Ukraine.

1 (2) Provide Ukraine support in reducing reli-
2 ance on Russian technology.

3 (3) Assist Ukraine to build capacity, expand cy-
4 bersecurity information sharing, and cooperate in
5 international response efforts.

6 (b) REPORT ON UKRAINE’S CYBERSECURITY.—Not
7 later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of
8 this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the Com-
9 mittee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives
10 and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate
11 a report on the status of United States cybersecurity co-
12 operation with Ukraine to seek new areas for collaboration
13 and assistance, as well as pursue cooperation with regional
14 partners and organizations to address shared cyber chal-
15 lenges. Such report shall also include information relating
16 to the following:

17 (1) An update on the U.S. Department of En-
18 ergy’s efforts to establish a United States-Ukraine
19 Stakeholder Working Group as an element of their
20 work with Ukraine to develop a Ukrainian Cyber Se-
21 curity Program.

22 (2) An assessment capability to establish joint
23 United States and Ukrainian participation to—

24 (A) conduct cybersecurity assessments of
25 existing Ukrainian Government, military, crit-

1 ical infrastructure, and banking systems in
2 order to identify critical vulnerabilities;

3 (B) recommend mitigation strategies relat-
4 ing to such assessments;

5 (C) combat cybercrime, including through
6 training workshops and joint tabletop exercises
7 covering priority cybersecurity scenarios; and

8 (D) establish an information security
9 awareness program.

10 (3) An update of progress on NATO's agree-
11 ment to establish an Incident Management Center to
12 monitor cyber security events and laboratories to in-
13 vestigate cybersecurity incidents.

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