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To prohibit the importation of energy products of the Russian Federation,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DOGGETT (for himself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Ms. SEWELL, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. CHU, Mr. BEYER, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. KIND, Mr. KEATING, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. MORELLE, Ms. ROSS, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. CROW, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. GOMEZ, and Mr. LARSON of Connecticut) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, the Judiciary, and Rules, 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

A BILL

To prohibit the importation of energy products 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 “Suspending Energy
5 Imports from Russia Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON IMPORTATION OF ENERGY PROD-**
2 **UCTS OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—

4 (1) PROHIBITION OF ENERGY PRODUCTS.—Not-
5 withstanding any other provision of law, all products
6 of the Russian Federation classified under chapter
7 27 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United
8 States shall be banned from importation into the
9 United States, other than products imported on or
10 before 11:59 p.m. eastern daylight time on the date
11 that is 45 days after the date of the enactment of
12 this Act.

13 (2) AUTHORITY TO ALLOW IMPORTATION
14 UNDER CONTRACT.—Notwithstanding the prohibi-
15 tion under paragraph (1), the President may allow
16 certain products described in such paragraph to be
17 imported into the United States if the importation
18 of such products is pursuant to a written contract
19 or agreement that was entered into before the date
20 of the enactment of this Act.

21 (b) NATIONAL INTEREST WAIVER.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President is authorized
23 to waive the prohibition under subsection (a) with
24 respect to one or more of the products of the Rus-
25 sian Federation described in the matter preceding
26 paragraph (1) of subsection (a) if the President cer-

1 tifies that such waiver is in the national interest of
2 the United States and includes in such certification
3 a description of the product or products to which the
4 waiver is proposed to apply. Such waiver shall take
5 effect beginning on the date that is 90 calendar days
6 after the date of submission of such certification,
7 unless there is enacted into law during such 90-day
8 period a joint resolution of disapproval.

9 (2) CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATION.—

10 (A) PRIOR JUSTIFICATION.—The President
11 shall, not later than 15 calendar days before
12 submitting a certification described in para-
13 graph (1), submit to the appropriate congress-
14 sional committees a justification for the waiver
15 proposed under such paragraph.

16 (B) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COM-
17 MITTEES.—For purposes of this paragraph, the
18 term “appropriate congressional committees”
19 means—

20 (i) the Committee on Ways and
21 Means, the Committee on Financial Serv-
22 ices, and the Committee on Foreign Affairs
23 of the House of Representatives; and

24 (ii) the Committee on Finance, the
25 Committee on Banking, Housing, and

1 Urban Affairs, and the Committee on For-
2 eign Relations of the Senate.

3 (c) JOINT RESOLUTION OF DISAPPROVAL.—

4 (1) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section,
5 the term “joint resolution of disapproval” means
6 only a joint resolution—

7 (A) which does not have a preamble;

8 (B) the title of which is as follows: “Joint
9 resolution disapproving the President’s pro-
10 posed waiver under section 2(b)(1) of the Sus-
11 pending Energy Imports from Russia Act.”;
12 and

13 (C) the matter after the resolving clause of
14 which is as follows: “That Congress disapproves
15 the proposed waiver of the President under sec-
16 tion 2(b)(1) of the Suspending Energy Imports
17 from Russia Act, submitted to Congress on
18 _____”, the blank space being filled in with
19 the appropriate date.

20 (2) INTRODUCTION IN THE HOUSE OF REP-
21 RESENTATIVES.—During a period of 5 legislative
22 days beginning on the date that a certification under
23 subsection (b)(1) is submitted to Congress, a joint
24 resolution of disapproval may be introduced in the

1 House of Representatives by the majority leader or
2 the minority leader.

3 (3) INTRODUCTION IN THE SENATE.—During a
4 period of 5 days on which the Senate is in session
5 beginning on the date that a certification under sub-
6 section (b)(1) is submitted to Congress, a joint reso-
7 lution of disapproval may be introduced in the Sen-
8 ate by the majority leader (or the majority leader’s
9 designee) or the minority leader (or the minority
10 leader’s designee).

11 (4) FLOOR CONSIDERATION IN THE HOUSE OF
12 REPRESENTATIVES.—

13 (A) REPORTING AND DISCHARGE.—If a
14 committee of the House to which a joint resolu-
15 tion of disapproval has been referred has not
16 reported such joint resolution within 10 legisla-
17 tive days after the date of referral, that com-
18 mittee shall be discharged from further consid-
19 eration thereof.

20 (B) PROCEEDING TO CONSIDERATION.—
21 Beginning on the third legislative day after
22 each committee to which a joint resolution of
23 disapproval has been referred reports it to the
24 House or has been discharged from further con-
25 sideration thereof, it shall be in order to move

1 to proceed to consider the joint resolution in the
2 House. All points of order against the motion
3 are waived. Such a motion shall not be in order
4 after the House has disposed of a motion to
5 proceed on a joint resolution with regard to the
6 same certification. The previous question shall
7 be considered as ordered on the motion to its
8 adoption without intervening motion. The mo-
9 tion shall not be debatable. A motion to recon-
10 sider the vote by which the motion is disposed
11 of shall not be in order.

12 (C) CONSIDERATION.—The joint resolution
13 shall be considered as read. All points of order
14 against the joint resolution and against its con-
15 sideration are waived. The previous question
16 shall be considered as ordered on the joint reso-
17 lution to final passage without intervening mo-
18 tion except two hours of debate equally divided
19 and controlled by the sponsor of the joint reso-
20 lution (or a designee) and an opponent. A mo-
21 tion to reconsider the vote on passage of the
22 joint resolution shall not be in order.

23 (5) CONSIDERATION IN THE SENATE.—

1 (A) COMMITTEE REFERRAL.—A joint reso-
2 lution of disapproval introduced in the Senate
3 shall be referred to the Committee on Finance.

4 (B) REPORTING AND DISCHARGE.—If the
5 Committee on Finance has not reported such
6 joint resolution of disapproval within 10 days
7 on which the Senate is in session after the date
8 of referral of such joint resolution, that com-
9 mittee shall be discharged from further consid-
10 eration of such joint resolution and the joint
11 resolution shall be placed on the appropriate
12 calendar.

13 (C) MOTION TO PROCEED.—Notwith-
14 standing Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of
15 the Senate, it is in order at any time after the
16 Committee on Finance reports the joint resolu-
17 tion of disapproval to the Senate or has been
18 discharged from its consideration (even though
19 a previous motion to the same effect has been
20 disagreed to) to move to proceed to the consid-
21 eration of the joint resolution, and all points of
22 order against the joint resolution (and against
23 consideration of the joint resolution) shall be
24 waived. The motion to proceed is not debatable.
25 The motion is not subject to a motion to post-

1 pone. A motion to reconsider the vote by which
2 the motion is agreed to or disagreed to shall not
3 be in order. If a motion to proceed to the con-
4 sideration of the joint resolution of disapproval
5 is agreed to, the joint resolution shall remain
6 the unfinished business until disposed of.

7 (D) DEBATE.—Debate on the joint resolu-
8 tion of disapproval, and on all debatable mo-
9 tions and appeals in connection therewith, shall
10 be limited to not more than 10 hours, which
11 shall be divided equally between the majority
12 and minority leaders or their designees. A mo-
13 tion to further limit debate is in order and not
14 debatable. An amendment to, or a motion to
15 postpone, or a motion to proceed to the consid-
16 eration of other business, or a motion to recom-
17 mit the joint resolution of disapproval is not in
18 order.

19 (E) VOTE ON PASSAGE.—The vote on pas-
20 sage shall occur immediately following the con-
21 clusion of the debate on the joint resolution of
22 disapproval and a single quorum call at the con-
23 clusion of the debate, if requested in accordance
24 with the rules of the Senate.

1 (F) RULES OF THE CHAIR ON PROCE-
2 DURE.—Appeals from the decisions of the Chair
3 relating to the application of the rules of the
4 Senate, as the case may be, to the procedure re-
5 lating to the joint resolution of disapproval shall
6 be decided without debate.

7 (G) CONSIDERATION OF VETO MES-
8 SAGES.—Debate in the Senate of any veto mes-
9 sages with respect to the joint resolution of dis-
10 approval, including all debatable motions and
11 appeals in connection with such joint resolution,
12 shall be limited to 10 hours, to be equally di-
13 vided between, and controlled by, the majority
14 leader and the minority leader or their des-
15 ignees.

16 (6) PROCEDURES IN THE SENATE.—Except as
17 otherwise provided in this subsection, the following
18 procedures shall apply in the Senate to a joint reso-
19 lution of disapproval to which this subsection ap-
20 plies:

21 (A) Except as provided in subparagraph
22 (B), a joint resolution of disapproval that has
23 passed the House of Representatives shall,
24 when received in the Senate, be referred to the

1 Committee on Finance for consideration in ac-
2 cordance with this subsection.

3 (B) If a joint resolution of disapproval to
4 which this section applies was introduced in the
5 Senate before receipt of a joint resolution of
6 disapproval that has passed the House of Rep-
7 resentatives, the joint resolution from the
8 House of Representatives shall, when received
9 in the Senate, be placed on the calendar. If this
10 subparagraph applies, the procedures in the
11 Senate with respect to a joint resolution of dis-
12 approval introduced in the Senate that contains
13 the identical matter as the joint resolution of
14 disapproval that passed the House of Rep-
15 resentatives shall be the same as if no joint res-
16 olution of disapproval had been received from
17 the House of Representatives, except that the
18 vote on passage in the Senate shall be on the
19 joint resolution of disapproval that passed the
20 House of Representatives.

21 (7) RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-
22 TIVES AND SENATE.—This subsection is enacted by
23 Congress—

24 (A) as an exercise of the rulemaking power
25 of the Senate and the House of Representa-

1 tives, respectively, and as such are deemed a
2 part of the rules of each House, respectively,
3 but applicable only with respect to the proce-
4 dure to be followed in that House in the case
5 of legislation described in those sections, and
6 supersede other rules only to the extent that
7 they are inconsistent with such rules; and

8 (B) with full recognition of the constitu-
9 tional right of either House to change the rules
10 (so far as relating to the procedure of that
11 House) at any time, in the same manner, and
12 to the same extent as in the case of any other
13 rule of that House.

14 **SEC. 3. COOPERATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY AT THE**
15 **WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION.**

16 The United States Trade Representative shall use the
17 voice and influence of the United States at the WTO to—

18 (1) condemn the recent aggression in Ukraine;

19 (2) encourage other WTO members to suspend
20 trade concessions to the Russian Federation; and

21 (3) consider further steps with the view to sus-
22 pend the Russian Federation's participation in the
23 WTO.

1 **SEC. 4. MODIFICATIONS TO AND REAUTHORIZATION OF**
2 **SANCTIONS UNDER THE GLOBAL MAGNITSKY**
3 **HUMAN RIGHTS ACCOUNTABILITY ACT WITH**
4 **RESPECT TO HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 1262 of the Global
6 Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act (subtitle F
7 of title XII of Public Law 114–328; 22 U.S.C. 2656 note)
8 is amended by striking paragraph (2).

9 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Global Magnitsky
11 Human Rights Accountability Act (subtitle F of title
12 XII of Public Law 114–328; 22 U.S.C. 2656 note)
13 is amended by inserting after section 1262 (as
14 amended by subsection (a)) the following new sec-
15 tion:

16 **“SEC. 1262A. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

17 “It is the sense of Congress that the President should
18 establish and regularize information sharing and sanc-
19 tions-related decisionmaking with like-minded govern-
20 ments possessing human rights and anti-corruption sanc-
21 tions programs similar in nature to those authorized under
22 this subtitle.”.

23 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
24 tents in section 2(b) and in title XII of division A
25 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
26 Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328) are each amended

1 by inserting after the items relating to section 1262
2 the following:

“Sec. 1262A. Sense of Congress.”.

3 (c) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section
5 1263 of the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Ac-
6 countability Act (Subtitle F of title XII of Public
7 Law 114–328; 22 U.S.C. 2656 note) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The President may impose the
10 sanctions described in subsection (b) with respect to any
11 foreign person that the President determines, based on
12 credible information—

13 “(1) is responsible for or complicit in, or has di-
14 rectly or indirectly engaged in, serious human rights
15 abuse;

16 “(2) is a current or former government official,
17 or a person acting for or on behalf of such an offi-
18 cial, who is responsible for or complicit in, or has di-
19 rectly or indirectly engaged in—

20 “(A) corruption, including—

21 “(i) the misappropriation of state as-
22 sets;

23 “(ii) the expropriation of private as-
24 sets for personal gain;

1 “(iii) corruption related to government
2 contracts or the extraction of natural re-
3 sources; or

4 “(iv) bribery; or

5 “(B) the transfer or facilitation of the
6 transfer of the proceeds of corruption;

7 “(3) is or has been a leader or official of—

8 “(A) an entity, including a government en-
9 tity, that has engaged in, or whose members
10 have engaged in, any of the activities described
11 in paragraph (1) or (2) during the tenure of the
12 leader or official; or

13 “(B) an entity whose property and inter-
14 ests in property are blocked pursuant to this
15 section as a result of activities during the ten-
16 ure of the leader or official;

17 “(4) has materially assisted, sponsored, or pro-
18 vided financial, material, or technological support
19 for, or goods or services to or in support of—

20 “(A) an activity described in paragraph (1)
21 or (2) that is conducted by a foreign person;

22 “(B) a person whose property and inter-
23 ests in property are blocked pursuant to this
24 section; or

1 “(C) an entity, including a government en-
2 tity, that has engaged in, or whose members
3 have engaged in, an activity described in para-
4 graph (1) or (2) conducted by a foreign person;
5 or

6 “(5) is owned or controlled by, or has acted or
7 been purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or
8 indirectly, a person whose property and interests in
9 property are blocked pursuant to this section.”.

10 (2) CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN INFORMA-
11 TION.—Subsection (c)(2) of such section is amended
12 by striking “violations of human rights” and insert-
13 ing “corruption and human rights abuses”.

14 (3) REQUESTS BY CONGRESS.—Subsection
15 (d)(2) of such section is amended—

16 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

17 (i) in the subparagraph heading, by
18 striking “HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS”
19 and inserting “SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS
20 ABUSE”; and

21 (ii) by striking “described in para-
22 graph (1) or (2) of subsection (a)” and in-
23 serting “described in subsection (a) relat-
24 ing to serious human rights abuse”; and

25 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

1 (i) in the matter preceding clause (i),
2 by striking “described in paragraph (3) or
3 (4) of subsection (a)” and inserting “de-
4 scribed in subsection (a) relating to cor-
5 ruption or the transfer or facilitation of
6 the transfer of the proceeds of corruption”;
7 and

8 (ii) by striking “ranking member of—
9 ” and all that follows through the period at
10 the end and inserting “ranking member of
11 one of the appropriate congressional com-
12 mittees.”.

13 (d) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Section 1264(a) of the
14 Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act (sub-
15 title F of title XII of Public Law 114–328; 22 U.S.C.
16 2656 note) is amended—

17 (1) in paragraph (5), by striking “; and” and
18 inserting a semicolon;

19 (2) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at
20 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

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

22 “(7) a description of additional steps taken by
23 the President through diplomacy, international en-
24 gagement, and assistance to foreign or security sec-
25 tors to address persistent underlying causes of seri-

1 ous human rights abuse and corruption in each
2 country in which foreign persons with respect to
3 which sanctions have been imposed under section
4 1263 are located; and

5 “(8) a description of additional steps taken by
6 the President to ensure the pursuit of judicial ac-
7 countability in appropriate jurisdictions with respect
8 to those foreign persons subject to sanctions under
9 section 1263 for serious human rights abuse and
10 corruption.”.

11 (e) REPEAL OF SUNSET.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1265 of the Global
13 Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act (sub-
14 title F of title XII of Public Law 114–328; 22
15 U.S.C. 2656 note) is repealed.

16 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
17 tents in section 2(b) and in title XII of division A
18 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
19 Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328) are each amended
20 by striking the items relating to section 1265.

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