

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7108

AN ACT

To suspend normal trade relations treatment for the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Suspending Normal
3 Trade Relations with Russia and Belarus Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) The United States is a founding member of
7 the World Trade Organization (WTO) and is com-
8 mitted to ensuring that the WTO remains an effec-
9 tive forum for peaceful economic engagement.

10 (2) Ukraine is a sovereign nation-state that is
11 entitled to enter into agreements with other sov-
12 ereign states and to full respect of its territorial in-
13 tegrity.

14 (3) The United States will be unwavering in its
15 support for a secure, democratic, and sovereign
16 Ukraine, free to choose its own leaders and future.

17 (4) Ukraine acceded to the Marrakesh Agree-
18 ment Establishing the World Trade Organization
19 (WTO Agreement) and has been a WTO member
20 since 2008.

21 (5) Ukraine’s participation in the WTO Agree-
22 ment creates both rights and obligations vis-à-vis
23 other WTO members.

24 (6) The Russian Federation acceded to the
25 WTO on August 22, 2012, becoming the 156th

1 WTO member, and the Republic of Belarus has ap-
2 plied to accede to the WTO.

3 (7) From the date of its accession, the Russian
4 Federation committed to apply fully all provisions of
5 the WTO.

6 (8) The United States Congress authorized per-
7 manent normal trade relations for the Russian Fed-
8 eration through the Russia and Moldova Jackson-
9 Vanik Repeal and Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law
10 Accountability Act of 2012 (Public Law 112–208).

11 (9) Ukraine communicated to the WTO General
12 Council on March 2, 2022, urging that all WTO
13 members take action against the Russian Federation
14 and “consider further steps with the view to sus-
15 pending the Russian Federation’s participation in
16 the WTO for its violation of the purpose and prin-
17 ciples of this Organization”.

18 (10) Vladimir Putin, a ruthless dictator, has led
19 the Russian Federation into a war of aggression
20 against Ukraine, which—

21 (A) denies Ukraine and its people their col-
22 lective rights to independence, sovereignty, and
23 territorial integrity;

24 (B) constitutes an emergency in inter-
25 national relations, because it is a situation of

1 armed conflict that threatens the peace and se-
2 curity of all countries, including the United
3 States; and

4 (C) denies Ukraine its rightful ability to
5 participate in international organizations, in-
6 cluding the WTO.

7 (11) The Republic of Belarus, also led by a
8 ruthless dictator, Aleksander Lukashenka, is pro-
9 viding important material support to the Russian
10 Federation's aggression.

11 (12) The Russian Federation's exportation of
12 goods in the energy sector is central to its ability to
13 wage its war of aggression on Ukraine.

14 (13) The United States, along with its allies
15 and partners, has responded to recent aggression by
16 the Russian Federation in Ukraine by imposing
17 sweeping financial sanctions and stringent export
18 controls.

19 (14) The United States cannot allow the con-
20 sequences of the Russian Federation's actions to go
21 unaddressed, and must lead fellow countries, in all
22 fora, including the WTO, to impose appropriate con-
23 sequences for the Russian Federation's aggression.

1 **SEC. 3. SUSPENSION OF NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS WITH**
2 **THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND THE REPUB-**
3 **LIC OF BELARUS.**

4 (a) **NONDISCRIMINATORY TARIFF TREATMENT.**—
5 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, beginning on
6 the day after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
7 rates of duty set forth in column 2 of the Harmonized
8 Tariff Schedule of the United States shall apply to all
9 products of the Russian Federation and of the Republic
10 of Belarus.

11 (b) **AUTHORITY TO PROCLAIM INCREASED COLUMN**
12 **2 RATES.**—

13 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The President may proclaim
14 increases in the rates of duty applicable to products
15 of the Russian Federation or the Republic of
16 Belarus, above the rates set forth in column 2 of the
17 Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

18 (2) **PRIOR CONSULTATION.**—The President
19 shall, not later than 5 calendar days before issuing
20 any proclamation under paragraph (1), consult with
21 the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of
22 Representatives and the Committee on Finance of
23 the Senate regarding the basis for and anticipated
24 impact of the proposed increases to rates of duty de-
25 scribed in paragraph (1).

1 (3) TERMINATION.—The authority to issue
2 proclamations under this subsection shall terminate
3 on January 1, 2024.

4 **SEC. 4. RESUMPTION OF APPLICATION OF HTS COLUMN 1**
5 **RATES OF DUTY AND RESTORATION OF NOR-**
6 **MAL TRADE RELATIONS TREATMENT FOR**
7 **THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND THE REPUB-**
8 **LIC OF BELARUS.**

9 (a) TEMPORARY APPLICATION OF HTS COLUMN 1
10 RATES OF DUTY.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
12 provision of law (including the application of column
13 2 rates of duty under section 3), the President is au-
14 thorized to temporarily resume, for one or more pe-
15 riods not to exceed 1 year each, the application of
16 the rates of duty set forth in column 1 of the Har-
17 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States to the
18 products of the Russian Federation, the Republic of
19 Belarus, or both, if the President submits to Con-
20 gress with respect to either or both such countries
21 a certification under subsection (c) for each such pe-
22 riod. Such action shall take effect beginning on the
23 date that is 90 calendar days after the date of sub-
24 mission of such certification for such period, unless

1 there is enacted into law during such 90-day period
2 a joint resolution of disapproval.

3 (2) CONSULTATION AND REPORT.—The Presi-
4 dent shall, not later than 45 calendar days before
5 submitting a certification under paragraph (1)—

6 (A) consult with the Committee on Ways
7 and Means of the House of Representatives and
8 the Committee on Finance of the Senate; and

9 (B) submit to both such committees a re-
10 port that explains the basis for the determina-
11 tion of the President contained in such certifi-
12 cation.

13 (b) RESTORATION OF NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS
14 TREATMENT.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President is authorized
16 to resume the application of the rates of duty set
17 forth in column 1 of the Harmonized Tariff Sched-
18 ule of the United States to the products of the Rus-
19 sian Federation, the Republic of Belarus, or both, if
20 the President submits to Congress with respect to ei-
21 ther or both such countries a certification under
22 subsection (c). Such action shall take effect begin-
23 ning on the date that is 90 calendar days after the
24 date of submission of such certification, unless there

1 is enacted into law during such 90-day period a joint
2 resolution of disapproval.

3 (2) CONSULTATION AND REPORT.—The Presi-
4 dent shall, not later than 45 calendar days before
5 submitting a certification under paragraph (1)—

6 (A) consult with the Committee on Ways
7 and Means of the House of Representatives and
8 the Committee on Finance of the Senate; and

9 (B) submit to both such committees a re-
10 port that explains the basis for the determina-
11 tion of the President contained in such certifi-
12 cation.

13 (3) PRODUCTS OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERA-
14 TION.—If the President submits pursuant to para-
15 graph (1) a certification under subsection (c) with
16 respect to the Russian Federation and a joint resolu-
17 tion of disapproval is not enacted during the 90-day
18 period described in that paragraph, the President
19 may grant permanent nondiscriminatory tariff treat-
20 ment (normal trade relations) to the products of the
21 Russian Federation.

22 (4) PRODUCTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF
23 BELARUS.—If the President submits pursuant to
24 paragraph (1) a certification under subsection (c)
25 with respect to the Republic of Belarus and a joint

1 resolution of disapproval is not enacted during the
2 90-day period described in that paragraph, the
3 President may, subject to the provisions of chapter
4 1 of title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C.
5 2431 et seq.), grant nondiscriminatory tariff treat-
6 ment (normal trade relations) to the products of the
7 Republic of Belarus.

8 (c) CERTIFICATION.—A certification under this sub-
9 section is a certification in writing that—

10 (1) specifies the action proposed to be taken
11 pursuant to the certification and whether such ac-
12 tion is pursuant to subsection (a)(1) or (b)(1) of this
13 section; and

14 (2) contains a determination of the President
15 that the Russian Federation or the Republic of
16 Belarus (or both)—

17 (A) has reached an agreement relating to
18 the respective withdrawal of Russian or
19 Belarusian forces (or both, if applicable) and
20 cessation of military hostilities that is accepted
21 by the free and independent government of
22 Ukraine;

23 (B) poses no immediate military threat of
24 aggression to any North Atlantic Treaty Orga-
25 nization member; and

1 (C) recognizes the right of the people of
2 Ukraine to independently and freely choose
3 their own government.

4 (d) JOINT RESOLUTION OF DISAPPROVAL.—

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

8 (A) which does not have a preamble;

9 (B) the title of which is as follows: “Joint
10 resolution disapproving the President’s certifi-
11 cation under section 4(c) of the Suspending
12 Normal Trade Relations with Russia and
13 Belarus Act.”; and

14 (C) the matter after the resolving clause of
15 which is as follows: “That Congress disapproves
16 the certification of the President under section
17 4(c) of the Suspending Normal Trade Relations
18 with Russia and Belarus Act, submitted to Con-
19 gress on _____”, the blank space being filled
20 in with the appropriate date.

21 (2) INTRODUCTION IN THE HOUSE OF REP-
22 REPRESENTATIVES.—During a period of 5 legislative
23 days beginning on the date that a certification under
24 subsection (c) is submitted to Congress, a joint reso-
25 lution 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 (c) is submitted to Congress, a joint resolu-
7 tion of disapproval may be introduced in the Senate
8 by the majority leader (or the majority leader’s des-
9 ignee) or the minority leader (or the minority lead-
10 er’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 subsection applies was introduced in
5 the 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. 5. 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 the
21 Republic of Belarus;

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

1 (4) seek to halt the accession process of the Re-
2 public of Belarus at the WTO and cease accession-
3 related work.

4 **SEC. 6. MODIFICATIONS TO AND REAUTHORIZATION OF**
5 **SANCTIONS UNDER THE GLOBAL MAGNITSKY**
6 **HUMAN RIGHTS ACCOUNTABILITY ACT WITH**
7 **RESPECT TO HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.**

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

12 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—

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

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

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

1 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
2 tents in section 2(b) and in title XII of division A
3 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
4 Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328) are each amended
5 by inserting after the items relating to section 1262
6 the following:

“Sec. 1262A. Sense of Congress.”.

7 (c) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section
9 1263 of the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Ac-
10 countability Act (Subtitle F of title XII of Public
11 Law 114–328; 22 U.S.C. 2656 note) is amended to
12 read as follows:

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The President may impose the
14 sanctions described in subsection (b) with respect to any
15 foreign person that the President determines, based on
16 credible information—

17 “(1) is responsible for or complicit in, or has di-
18 rectly or indirectly engaged in, serious human rights
19 abuse;

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

24 “(A) corruption, including—

1 “(i) the misappropriation of state as-
2 sets;

3 “(ii) the expropriation of private as-
4 sets for personal gain;

5 “(iii) corruption related to government
6 contracts or the extraction of natural re-
7 sources; or

8 “(iv) bribery; or

9 “(B) the transfer or facilitation of the
10 transfer of the proceeds of corruption;

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

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

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

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

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

1 “(B) a person whose property and inter-
2 ests in property are blocked pursuant to this
3 section; or

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

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

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

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

19 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

20 (i) in the subparagraph heading, by
21 striking “HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS”
22 and inserting “SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS
23 ABUSE”;

24 (ii) by striking “described in para-
25 graph (1) or (2) of subsection (a)” and in-

1 serting “described in subsection (a) relat-
2 ing to serious human rights abuse”; and
3 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

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

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

16 (d) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Section 1264(a) of the
17 Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act (sub-
18 title F of title XII of Public Law 114–328; 22 U.S.C.
19 2656 note) is amended—

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

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

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

1 “(7) a description of additional steps taken by
2 the President through diplomacy, international en-
3 gagement, and assistance to foreign or security sec-
4 tors to address persistent underlying causes of seri-
5 ous human rights abuse and corruption in each
6 country in which foreign persons with respect to
7 which sanctions have been imposed under section
8 1263 are located; and

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

15 (e) REPEAL OF SUNSET.—

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

20 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
21 tents in section 2(b) and in title XII of division A
22 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal

1 Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328) are each amended
2 by striking the items relating to section 1265.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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