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To enhance the security of the United States and its allies, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. GARDNER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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**A BILL**

To enhance the security of the United States and its allies, 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 “Energy Security Co-  
5 operation with Allied Partners in Europe Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

7 It is the policy of the United States—

8 (1) to reduce the dependency of allies and part-  
9 ners of the United States on Russian energy re-  
10 sources, especially natural gas, in order for those

1 countries to achieve lasting and dependable energy  
2 security;

3 (2) to condemn the Government of the Russian  
4 Federation for, and to deter that Government from,  
5 using its energy resources as a geopolitical weapon  
6 to coerce, intimidate, and influence other countries;

7 (3) to improve energy security in Europe by in-  
8 creasing access to diverse, reliable, and affordable  
9 energy;

10 (4) to promote energy security in Europe by  
11 working with the European Union and other allies of  
12 the United States to develop liberalized energy mar-  
13 kets that provide diversified energy sources, sup-  
14 pliers, and routes;

15 (5) to continue to strongly oppose the Nord  
16 Stream 2 pipeline based on its detrimental effects on  
17 the energy security of the European Union and the  
18 economy of Ukraine and other countries in Central  
19 Europe through which natural gas is transported;  
20 and

21 (6) to support countries that are allies or part-  
22 ners of the United States by expediting the export  
23 of energy resources from the United States.

1 **SEC. 3. NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION.**

2 The President should direct the United States Per-  
3 manent Representative on the Council of the North Atlan-  
4 tic Treaty Organization (in this Act referred to as  
5 “NATO”) to use the voice, vote, and influence of the  
6 United States to encourage NATO member countries to  
7 work together to achieve energy security for those coun-  
8 tries and countries in Europe and Eurasia that are part-  
9 ners of NATO.

10 **SEC. 4. TRANSATLANTIC ENERGY STRATEGY.**

11 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
12 gress that the United States and other NATO member  
13 countries should explore ways to ensure that NATO mem-  
14 ber countries diversify their energy supplies and routes in  
15 order to enhance their energy security, including through  
16 the development of a transatlantic energy strategy.

17 (b) TRANSATLANTIC ENERGY STRATEGY.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
19 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
20 retary of State, in coordination with the Adminis-  
21 trator of the United States Agency for International  
22 Development and the Secretary of Energy, shall sub-  
23 mit to the appropriate congressional committees a  
24 transatlantic energy strategy for the United  
25 States—

1 (A) to enhance the energy security of  
2 NATO member countries and countries that are  
3 partners of NATO; and

4 (B) to increase exports of energy from the  
5 United States to such countries.

6 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
7 TEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “ap-  
8 propriate congressional committees” means—

9 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of  
10 the Senate; and

11 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
12 the House of Representatives.

13 **SEC. 5. EXPEDITED APPROVAL OF EXPORTATION OF NAT-**  
14 **URAL GAS TO UNITED STATES ALLIES.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3(c) of the Natural Gas  
16 Act (15 U.S.C. 717b(c)) is amended—

17 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “For purposes”;

18 (2) by striking “nation with which there is in  
19 effect a free trade agreement requiring national  
20 treatment for trade in natural gas” and inserting  
21 “foreign country described in paragraph (2)”; and

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

23 “(2) A foreign country described in this paragraph  
24 is—

1           “(A) a nation with which there is in effect a  
2           free trade agreement requiring national treatment  
3           for trade in natural gas;

4           “(B) a member country of the North Atlantic  
5           Treaty Organization;

6           “(C) subject to paragraph (3), Japan; and

7           “(D) any other foreign country if the Secretary  
8           of State, in consultation with the Secretary of De-  
9           fense, determines that exportation of natural gas to  
10          that foreign country would promote the national se-  
11          curity interests of the United States.

12          “(3) The exportation of natural gas to Japan shall  
13          be deemed to be consistent with the public interest pursu-  
14          ant to paragraph (1), and applications for such expor-  
15          tation shall be granted without modification or delay  
16          under that paragraph, during only such period as the  
17          Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security, signed at  
18          Washington January 19, 1960, and entered into force  
19          June 23, 1960 (11 UST 1632; TIAS 4509), between the  
20          United States and Japan, remains in effect.”.

21          (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
22          this section shall apply with respect to applications for the  
23          authorization to export natural gas under section 3 of the  
24          Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b) that are pending on,  
25          or filed on or after, the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 6. MANDATORY SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE**  
2 **DEVELOPMENT OF PIPELINES IN THE RUS-**  
3 **SIAN FEDERATION.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The President shall impose 5 or  
5 more of the sanctions described in section 235 of the  
6 Countering America’s Adversaries Through Sanctions Act  
7 (22 U.S.C. 9529) with respect to a person if the President  
8 determines that the person knowingly, on or after the date  
9 of the enactment of this Act, makes an investment de-  
10 scribed in subsection (b) or sells, leases, or provides to  
11 the Government of the Russian Federation, or to any enti-  
12 ty owned or controlled by that Government, for the con-  
13 struction of Russian energy export pipelines, goods, serv-  
14 ices, technology, information, or support described in sub-  
15 section (c)—

16 (1) any of which has a fair market value of  
17 \$1,000,000 or more; or

18 (2) that, during a 12-month period, have an ag-  
19 gregate fair market value of \$5,000,000 or more.

20 (b) **INVESTMENT DESCRIBED.**—An investment de-  
21 scribed in this subsection is any contribution of assets, in-  
22 cluding a loan guarantee or any other transfer of value,  
23 that directly and significantly contributes to the enhance-  
24 ment of the ability of the Government of the Russian Fed-  
25 eration, or any entity owned or controlled by that Govern-  
26 ment, to construct energy export pipelines.

1           (c) GOODS, SERVICES, TECHNOLOGY, INFORMATION,  
2 OR SUPPORT DESCRIBED.—Goods, services, technology,  
3 information, or support described in this subsection are  
4 goods, services, technology, information, or support that  
5 could directly and significantly facilitate the maintenance  
6 or expansion of the construction, modernization, or repair  
7 of energy export pipelines by the Government of the Rus-  
8 sian Federation or any entity owned or controlled by that  
9 Government.

10           (d) PRESIDENTIAL WAIVER AUTHORITY AND NOTICE  
11 TO CONGRESS.—

12           (1) PRESIDENTIAL WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The  
13 President may waive the application of sanctions  
14 under this section if the President determines that  
15 it is in the national security interests of the United  
16 States to waive such sanctions.

17           (2) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not less than 15  
18 days before taking action to waive the application of  
19 sanctions under paragraph (1), the President shall  
20 submit to the Committee on Foreign Relations of  
21 the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
22 the House of Representatives a notification of, and  
23 written justification for, the action.