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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. DAINES, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. COTTON, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. ROBERTS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

→ Mr. Kennedy,
Mr. Cornyn

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 2019”.

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-

1 sources, especially natural gas, in order for those
2 countries to achieve lasting and dependable energy
3 security;

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

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

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

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

22 (6) to support countries that are allies or part-
23 ners of the United States by expediting the export
24 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 and influence of the United
6 States to encourage NATO member countries to work to-
7 gether to achieve energy security for those countries and
8 countries in Europe and Eurasia that are partners of
9 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 (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.—The President may waive the application
12 of sanctions under this section for a period of not more
13 than 90 days, and may renew such a waiver for additional
14 periods of not more than 90 days each, if, not less than
15 15 days before the waiver or the renewal of the waiver
16 takes effect, the President—

17 (1) determines that the waiver is in the national
18 security interests of the United States; and

19 (2) submits to the Committee on Foreign Rela-
20 tions of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign
21 Affairs of the House of Representatives a notifica-
22 tion of, and written justification for, the waiver.

23 (e) EXCEPTION FOR IMPORTATION OF GOODS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The authority to impose
25 sanctions under subsection (a) shall not include the

1 authority to impose sanctions with respect to the im-
2 portation of goods.

3 (2) GOOD DEFINED.—In this subsection, the
4 term “good” means any article, natural or manmade
5 substance, material, supply or manufactured prod-
6 uct, including inspection and test equipment, and ex-
7 cluding technical data.