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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LEVIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

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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. FINDINGS.**

4       The Congress finds that—

5           (1) Ukraine allows its citizens the right and op-  
6       portunity to emigrate, free of any heavy tax on emi-  
7       gration or on the visas or other documents required  
8       for emigration and free of any tax, levy, fine, fee, or  
9       other charge on any citizens as a consequence of the

1 desire of such citizens to emigrate to the country of  
2 their choice;

3 (2) Ukraine has been found to be in full compli-  
4 ance with the freedom of emigration requirements  
5 under title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 since 1997;

6 (3) since reestablishing independence in 1991,  
7 Ukraine has taken important steps toward the cre-  
8 ation of democratic institutions and a free-market  
9 economy and, as a member state of the Organization  
10 for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), is  
11 committed to developing a system of governance in  
12 accordance with the principles regarding human  
13 rights and humanitarian affairs that are set forth in  
14 the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Co-  
15 operation in Europe (also known as the “Helsinki  
16 Final Act”);

17 (4) Ukraine has shown progress towards meet-  
18 ing international commitments and standards in its  
19 most recent Parliamentary elections, recognizing  
20 that significant problems remain, including short-  
21 comings in the implementation of Ukraine’s election  
22 laws, illegal interference by public authorities in the  
23 electoral process, and intimidation against opposition  
24 contestants, activists, and voters.

7 (6) Ukraine has enacted legislation providing  
8 protection against incitement to violence against per-  
9 sons or groups based on national, racial, ethnic, or  
10 religious discrimination, hostility, or hatred, includ-  
11 ing anti-Semitism, and has committed itself, includ-  
12 ing through a letter to the President of the United  
13 States, to ensuring freedom of religion and pre-  
14 venting racial and ethnic intolerance and hatred;

15 (7) Ukraine has engaged in efforts to combat  
16 ethnic and religious intolerance by cooperating with  
17 various United States nongovernmental organiza-  
18 tions;

19 (8) Ukraine is continuing the restitution of reli-  
20 gious properties, including religious and communal  
21 properties confiscated from national and religious  
22 minorities during the Soviet era, is facilitating the  
23 revival of those minority groups, and is in the proc-  
24 ess of developing a legislative framework for com-

1       pleting this process, as was confirmed in a letter to  
2       the President of the United States;

3               (9) Ukraine has received normal trade relations  
4       treatment since concluding a bilateral trade agree-  
5       ment with the United States that entered into force  
6       on June 23, 1992;

7               (10) Ukraine is making progress toward acces-  
8       sion to the World Trade Organization, recognizing  
9       that many central issues remain to be resolved, in-  
10       cluding commitments relating to protection of intel-  
11       lectual property rights, tariff and excise tax reduc-  
12       tions for goods (including automobiles), trade in  
13       services, agricultural subsidy levels, elimination of  
14       export incentives for industrial goods, reform of cus-  
15       toms procedures and technical, sanitary, and  
16       phytosanitary measures, and inclusion of trade rem-  
17       edy provisions;

18               (11) Ukraine has enacted some protections re-  
19       flecting internationally recognized labor rights, but  
20       serious gaps remain both in the country's legal re-  
21       gime and its enforcement record, with areas of par-  
22       ticular concern including restrictions on independent  
23       unions, interference in collective bargaining of inde-  
24       pendent unions, and unsafe conditions at work;

6 (13) Ukraine has participated with the United  
7 States in its peacekeeping operations in Europe and  
8 has provided important cooperation in the global  
9 struggle against international terrorism.

10 SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV OF  
11 THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 TO UKRAINE.

12 (a) PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATIONS AND EXTE-  
13 SIONS OF NONDISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT.—Notwith-  
14 standing any provision of title IV of the Trade Act of 1974  
15 (19 U.S.C. 2431 et seq.), the President may—

16 (1) determine that such title should no longer  
17 apply to Ukraine; and

23 (b) TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV.—  
24 On and after the effective date of the extension under sub-

1 section (a)(2) of nondiscriminatory treatment to the prod-  
2 ucts of Ukraine—

3 (1) title IV of the Trade Act of 1974, except for  
4 section 406, shall cease to apply to that country; and  
5 (2) section 406 of the Trade Act of 1974 shall  
6 apply to Ukraine to the same extent as such section  
7 applies to a Communist country.

8 **SEC. 3. POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES.**

9 It is the policy of the United States that the United  
10 States remain fully committed to a multifaceted engage-  
11 ment with Ukraine, including by—

12 (1) urging Ukraine to continue its current  
13 policy—

14 (A) of providing for the free emigration of  
15 its citizens;

16 (B) of safeguarding religious liberty  
17 throughout Ukraine;

18 (C) of enforcing existing Ukrainian laws at  
19 the national and local levels to combat ethnic,  
20 religious, and racial discrimination and violence;  
21 and

22 (D) of expanding the restitution of reli-  
23 gious and communal properties, including es-  
24 tablishing a legal framework for the completion  
25 of such restitution in the future;

22 (5) continuing rigorous monitoring by the  
23 United States of human rights issues in Ukraine, in-  
24 cluding the issues described in paragraphs (1) and  
25 (2), providing assistance to nongovernmental organi-

1 zations and human rights groups involved in human  
2 rights activities in Ukraine, and attempting to estab-  
3 lish annual discussions with Ukraine regarding those  
4 issues, including the participation of United States  
5 and Ukrainian nongovernmental organizations in  
6 such discussions.

7 **SEC. 4. REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**

8 The reports required by sections 102(b) and 203 of  
9 the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22  
10 U.S.C. 6412(b) and 6433) shall include an assessment of  
11 the status of the issues described in section 3(1).

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