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H. R. 5863

To limit the transfer of F-35 aircraft to Turkey.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CICILLINE (for himself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. YOHIO, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mr. POE of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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 limit the transfer of F-35 aircraft to Turkey.

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. LIMITATION ON TRANSFER OF F-35 AIRCRAFT**
4 **TO TURKEY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
6 (b), none of the funds authorized to be appropriated to
7 the Department of Defense or any other Federal depart-
8 ment or agency may be used to—

1 (1) facilitate the transfer, or authorize the
2 transfer of, an F-35 aircraft to Turkey; or

3 (2) transfer intellectual property or technical
4 data necessary for or related to any maintenance or
5 support of such F-35 aircraft.

6 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—The President may waive the lim-
7 itation under subsection (a) upon written certification to
8 Congress that the Government of Turkey is not—

9 (1) taking steps to degrade NATO interoper-
10 ability;

11 (2) exposing NATO assets to hostile actors;

12 (3) degrading the general security of NATO
13 member states;

14 (4) seeking to import or purchase defense arti-
15 cles from a foreign country with respect to which
16 sanctions are imposed by the United States;

17 (5) wrongfully or unlawfully detaining one or
18 more nationals of the United States or aliens law-
19 fully admitted for permanent residence in the United
20 States; or

21 (6) engaging in military action without taking
22 proper steps to ensure that international legal norms
23 are followed to prevent civilian deaths and suffering.

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