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To combat subversive activities of the Russian Federation, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOYER (for himself, Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. NADLER, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. KILMER, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. COHEN, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. CORREA, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. HECK, Mrs. DEMINGS, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. GALLEG0, Mr. JONES, and Ms. ROSEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Intelligence (Permanent Select), the Judiciary, Armed Services, House Administration, Energy and Commerce, Appropriations, Financial Services, and Oversight and Government Reform, 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

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## A BILL

To combat subversive activities of the Russian Federation,  
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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4       (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5       “Secure America from Russian Interference Act of 2018”.

1 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for  
 2 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

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Sec. 213. Identification of foreign persons responsible for actions to unlawfully access, disrupt, influence, or in any way alter information or information systems related to United States political parties or elections for Federal office.

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- Sec. 236. Expansion of definition of electioneering communication.
- Sec. 237. Application of disclaimer statements to online communications.
- Sec. 238. Political record requirements for online platforms.
- Sec. 239. Preventing contributions, expenditures, independent expenditures, and disbursements for electioneering communications by foreign nationals in the form of online advertising.

#### Subtitle E—Countering Foreign Propaganda Act of 2018

- Sec. 241. Short title.
- Sec. 242. Disclosure requirements for United States-based foreign media outlets.

### TITLE III—ACTIONS TO COUNTER RUSSIAN AGGRESSION AGAINST UNITED STATES ALLIES

#### Subtitle A—Stand With UK Against Russia Violations Act

- Sec. 301. Short title.
- Sec. 302. Findings.
- Sec. 303. Sense of Congress.
- Sec. 304. Imposition of sanctions with respect to Russian persons responsible for March 12 attack.
- Sec. 305. Prohibition on transactions relating to new Russian sovereign debt.
- Sec. 306. Implementation; penalties; termination.
- Sec. 307. Enhanced military activities to deter Russian aggression.
- Sec. 308. United States person defined.

#### Subtitle B—Imposition of Sanctions on Certain Russian Parastatal Entities

- Sec. 311. Imposition of sanctions on certain Russian parastatal entities.

#### Subtitle C—Punishing Continued Occupation of Ukraine Act

- Sec. 321. Short title.
- Sec. 322. Findings.
- Sec. 323. Prohibition against United States recognition of Russia’s annexation of Crimea.
- Sec. 324. Imposition of sanctions with respect to certain Russian financial institutions.

#### Subtitle D—General Provisions To Bolster Alliances

- Sec. 331. Strategy for offensive use of cyber capabilities.
- Sec. 332. Matters relating to NATO.
- Sec. 333. Countering Russian Influence and Corruption Fund.

### TITLE IV—COMBATING PUTIN’S REPRESSION (CPR) FOR RUSSIAN CIVIL SOCIETY

- Sec. 401. Short title.
- Sec. 402. Strengthening dialogue with the Russian people.
- Sec. 403. Support Russian civil society.

1 **TITLE I—ACTIONS TO COM-**  
2 **PREHEND AND EXPOSE RUS-**  
3 **SLA’S SUBVERSIVE MEASURES**

4 **SEC. 101. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) The Russian Federation interfered in the  
7 United States Presidential election in 2016 and con-  
8 tinues to conduct disinformation efforts designed to  
9 undermine the United States.

10 (2) The Director of National Intelligence con-  
11 cluded in light of the Russian Federation’s hacking  
12 of the 2016 Presidential election that “Russian ef-  
13 forts to influence the 2016 U.S. Presidential election  
14 represent the most recent expression of Moscow’s  
15 longstanding desire to undermine the U.S.-led liberal  
16 democratic order”.

17 (3) The Director of National Intelligence fur-  
18 ther concluded, “We also assess Putin and the Rus-  
19 sian Government aspired to help President-elect  
20 Trump’s election chances when possible by discred-  
21 iting Secretary Clinton and publicly contrasting her  
22 unfavorably to him.”.

23 (4) To adequately combat Russian subversive  
24 activities, the United States must have a better han-

1 dle on the scope, nature, and source of these efforts  
2 and take steps to combat Russia’s global influence.

3 **SEC. 102. ASSESSMENT OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES BY THE**  
4 **GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERA-**  
5 **TION.**

6 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
7 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall  
8 submit to Congress a report setting forth an independent  
9 assessment obtained in accordance with subsection (b) of  
10 subversive activities by the Government of the Russian  
11 Federation.

12 (b) INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall  
14 obtain an independent assessment for purposes of  
15 subsection (a) from a federally funded research and  
16 development center or another appropriate inde-  
17 pendent entity that is selected by the Secretary that  
18 has expertise in diplomatic and military develop-  
19 ments in Europe and Russia and undertakes to in-  
20 clude each of the following:

21 (A) An assessment of disinformation and  
22 propaganda activities of the Government of the  
23 Russian Federation, including an assessment  
24 of—

1 (i) support for disinformation and  
2 propaganda activities with respect to the  
3 United States and foreign countries;

4 (ii) the overall structure of the  
5 disinformation and influence apparatus of  
6 the Government of the Russian Federation,  
7 including its intelligence agencies and  
8 propaganda outlets such as Russia Today;

9 (iii) propaganda techniques, including  
10 forgery, use of media representatives and  
11 proxies, use of front organizations, and ef-  
12 forts to influence international organiza-  
13 tions; and

14 (iv) use of corruption to advance Rus-  
15 sian objectives.

16 (B) An assessment of support by the Gov-  
17 ernment of the Russian Federation for sepa-  
18 ratist activities and other aggressive actions  
19 aimed at undermining the sovereignty of foreign  
20 countries, particularly in Ukraine, the Baltic  
21 countries, the Balkans, Georgia, and Azer-  
22 baijan.

23 (C) An assessment of cyber intrusions by  
24 the Government of the Russian Federation to  
25 influence the infrastructure and democratic

processes in the United States and other countries.

(D) An assessment of—

(i) the use of energy exports by the Government of the Russian Federation for purposes of political or economic coercion; and

(ii) significant investment in energy infrastructure outside of Russia, including pipelines, by the Government of Russia or Russian-controlled entities.

(E) An assessment of the deterioration of democratic conditions in the Russian Federation, including—

(i) suppression of freedom of the press;

(ii) detention, beating, and murder of political activists and opposition leaders;

(iii) suppression of minority rights;

(iv) suppression of human rights; and

(v) efforts to undermine the Russian nongovernmental organizations and Russian civil society.

(2) USE OF PREVIOUS STUDIES.—The entity conducting the assessment may use and incorporate

1 information from previous studies on matters appro-  
2 priate to the assessment.

3 (c) FORM.—The report required under subsection (a)  
4 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include  
5 a classified annex.

6 **SEC. 103. NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE ON INTEN-**  
7 **TIONS OF RUSSIA.**

8 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-  
9 ment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence, in  
10 consultation with the Secretary of State, shall produce a  
11 National Intelligence Estimate on the political and mili-  
12 tary intentions of Russia, including with respect to each  
13 of the following:

14 (1) Russian leadership intentions in pursuing  
15 military and subversive scenarios against members  
16 of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, including  
17 the conduct of an exercise on the border with  
18 Belarus of more than 100,000 Russian forces in  
19 September 2017.

20 (2) Russian leadership reactions to the Euro-  
21 pean Deterrence Initiative.

22 (3) Areas of possible joint dialogue with Russia.

23 **SEC. 104. REPORT ON CYBER COUNTERMEASURES.**

24 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
25 gress that the President should promptly and fully imple-

1 ment Executive Order No. 13800 (82 Fed. Reg. 22391;  
2 relating to strengthening the cybersecurity of Federal net-  
3 works and critical infrastructure) so that Federal depart-  
4 ments and agencies can better detect, monitor, and miti-  
5 gate cyber attacks as quickly as possible.

6 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date  
7 of the enactment of this Act, the President shall submit  
8 to Congress a report describing each step taken to meet  
9 the objectives described in subsection (a) relating to cyber  
10 attack response.

11 **SEC. 105. REPORT ON KREMLIN-LINKED CORRUPTION.**

12 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
13 gress that—

14 (1) the intelligence community should dedicate  
15 resources to further expose the key networks that  
16 the corrupt political class in Russia uses to hide the  
17 money it steals; and

18 (2) the President should pursue efforts to stifle  
19 Russian use of hidden financial channels, including  
20 anonymous shell companies and real estate invest-  
21 ments, in a manner similar to the efforts undertaken  
22 to tighten banking regulations after the terrorist at-  
23 tacks on September 11, 2001.

24 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date  
25 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Treas-

1 ury, in coordination with the Secretary of State, shall sub-  
2 mit a report to Congress on assets owned by Russian  
3 President Vladimir Putin, Russian oligarchs with close  
4 ties to Putin, and senior officials of the Government of  
5 the Russian Federation, including—

6 (1) with respect to bank accounts, real estate  
7 holdings, and other financial assets, including those  
8 outside of Russia, that are owned by or accessible to  
9 Putin—

10 (A) the location of such accounts, holdings,  
11 or assets; and

12 (B) the contents of such accounts or the  
13 amount held through such holdings or assets;

14 (2) the location, size, and contents of any assets  
15 of any oligarch listed in the classified annex to the  
16 report submitted pursuant to section 241 of the  
17 Countering America’s Adversaries Through Sanc-  
18 tions Act (Public Law 115–44; 131 Stat. 922); and

19 (3) any “front” or shell companies, or other  
20 intermediaries, used by senior officials of the Gov-  
21 ernment of the Russian Federation to hide assets  
22 from public disclosure.

23 (c) FORM.—The report required under subsection (b)  
24 shall be submitted in classified form.

1 (d) REASONABLE ATTEMPT TO ISSUE UNCLASSIFIED  
2 REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the  
3 submission of the report required under subsection (b), the  
4 Secretary of the Treasury shall—

5 (1) publish an unclassified version of such re-  
6 port on a publicly available website of the Depart-  
7 ment of the Treasury; or

8 (2) submit a notification to Congress describing  
9 the reasons for which the Secretary has determined  
10 that such release is not possible.

11 **SEC. 106. PUBLICIZE RUSSIAN MISDEEDS.**

12 (a) DONBASS RECRUITMENT.—

13 (1) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the  
14 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
15 State shall compile and publicly release a list of Rus-  
16 sian-based persons, including organizations and their  
17 executives, who recruited or otherwise facilitated the  
18 transfer of Russian personnel for—

19 (A) the war in the Donbass; or

20 (B) targeting of civilians in Syria.

21 (2) VISA BAN.—Notwithstanding any other pro-  
22 vision of law any persons identified in the list re-  
23 quired under paragraph (1) shall be prohibited from  
24 entry to the United States.

1 (b) REPORT ON ACTIONS BY RUSSIAN PROXIES.—

2 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment  
3 of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to Con-  
4 gress a list of the following:

5 (1) Persons, including corporations with United  
6 States subsidiaries, acting in Europe and the United  
7 States as front companies or intermediaries of the  
8 Government of Russia, and the executives of such  
9 persons.

10 (2) Politicians serving or acting as proxies of  
11 the Government of Russia.

12 (3) Russian media entities, including producers  
13 and reporters, who—

14 (A) traffic in forgeries, fabrications, and  
15 altered media products with intent to obfuscate  
16 factual reporting; or

17 (B) instigate conflict and violence in Eu-  
18 rope or the United States.

19 (4) Non-Russian persons that have knowingly  
20 or negligently provided hardware or other forms of  
21 assistance to the Government of Russia that has  
22 furthered Russia's efforts to—

23 (A) filter online political content;

24 (B) disrupt cell phone and Internet com-  
25 munications;

1 (C) monitor the online activities of Russian  
2 citizens; or

3 (D) discriminate against or suppress the  
4 activities of independent civil society institu-  
5 tions.

6 (5) Each person that—

7 (A) receives subsidies from the Govern-  
8 ment of Russia, thereby eroding market oppor-  
9 tunities for private businesses;

10 (B) provides financial or material support  
11 to Russia-backed forces actively involved in ag-  
12 gression against Russia's neighbors;

13 (C) provides financial or material support  
14 to propaganda outlets of the Government of  
15 Russia that legitimize Russian aggression; or

16 (D) provides financing or material support  
17 to political and nongovernmental persons or en-  
18 tities, including the United Russia political  
19 party, determined by the Secretary of State to  
20 be engaged in the suppression of fundamental  
21 freedoms in Russia.

22 (c) PREVIOUSLY LISTED ENTITIES.—The lists re-  
23 quired under this section may also include entities already  
24 identified in the list of specially designated nationals and

1 blocked persons maintained by the Office of Foreign As-  
2 sets Control of the Department of the Treasury.

3 (d) FORM.—The lists required under this section  
4 shall be unclassified but may be submitted in classified  
5 form.

6 (e) PROVISION.—The Secretary of State shall trans-  
7 mit the unclassified lists required under this section to the  
8 heads of state of—

- 9 (1) NATO member states;
- 10 (2) Sweden;
- 11 (3) Finland; and
- 12 (4) Ireland.

13 **SEC. 107. REPORT ON ACTIONS RELATING TO UKRANIAN**  
14 **ENERGY SECURITY.**

15 (a) REPORT BY SECRETARY OF STATE.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall  
17 submit to the appropriate congressional committees  
18 a report on actions the Department of State is tak-  
19 ing to implement section 257 of the Countering  
20 America’s Adversaries through Sanctions Act of  
21 2017 (Public Law 115–44; 22 U.S.C. 9546).

22 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report shall include de-  
23 tails on the following:

24 (A) Efforts by the Department of State  
25 since August 3, 2017, to work with European

1 Union member states and institutions to pro-  
2 mote energy security and decrease their depend-  
3 ence on Russian sources of energy, including  
4 use of the Countering Russian Influence Fund  
5 authorized pursuant to section 254 of the  
6 Countering America’s Adversaries through  
7 Sanctions Act of 2017 (Public Law 115–44; 22  
8 U.S.C. 9543).

9 (B) Diplomatic efforts undertaken by the  
10 Department of State to oppose directly the  
11 Nord Stream 2 pipeline and the Turk Stream  
12 pipeline.

13 (C) An estimation of European natural gas  
14 supply demand from 2019 through 2023.

15 (b) REPORT BY SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Treasury,  
17 in coordination with the Secretary of State, shall  
18 submit to the appropriate congressional committees  
19 a report on each entity involved in construction of  
20 the Nord Stream 2 pipeline or construction of the  
21 Turk Stream pipeline.

22 (2) ENTITY DEFINED.—In this subsection, the  
23 term “entity”—

24 (A) means an entity organized under the  
25 laws of the United States; and

1 (B) includes, with respect to the entity, a  
2 sub entity, parent entity, subsidiary, or any  
3 other entity.

4 (c) REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTEL-  
5 LIGENCE.—The Director of National Intelligence, in co-  
6 ordination with the Secretary of Defense, shall submit to  
7 the appropriate congressional committees a report on the  
8 impact of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline on—

9 (1) United States interests and security objec-  
10 tives;

11 (2) European energy security and defense pos-  
12 ture;

13 (3) Russian influence in Europe; and

14 (4) Ukraine, including the implications of re-  
15 ductions in transit fees as a result of the Nord  
16 Stream 2 pipeline.

17 (d) FORM.—The reports required by this section shall  
18 be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain a clas-  
19 sified annex.

20 (e) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-  
21 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-  
22 sional committees” means—

23 (1) in the House of Representatives—

24 (A) the Committee on Armed Services;

25 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs;

- 1 (C) the Committee in Financial Services;  
2 (D) the Committee on Energy and Com-  
3 merce;  
4 (E) the Committee on Oversight and Gov-  
5 ernment Reform; and  
6 (F) the Permanent Select Committee on  
7 Intelligence; and  
8 (2) in the Senate—  
9 (A) the Committee on Armed Services;  
10 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations;  
11 (C) the Committee on Finance;  
12 (D) the Committee on Banking, Housing,  
13 and Urban Affairs;  
14 (E) the Committee on Homeland Security  
15 and Governmental Affairs; and  
16 (F) the Select Committee on Intelligence.

17 **TITLE II—DOMESTIC ACTIONS**  
18 **TO COUNTER RUSSIA’S SUB-**  
19 **VERSIVE MEASURES AND**  
20 **CORRUPT NETWORKS OF IN-**  
21 **FLUENCE**

22 **Subtitle A—General Provisions**

23 **SEC. 201. OFFICE OF SANCTIONS POLICY.**

24 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Section 1 of the State De-  
25 partment Basic Authorities Act (22 U.S.C. 2651a) is

1 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
2 section:

3 “(h) COORDINATOR OF SANCTIONS POLICY.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There shall be established  
5 within the Department of State a Coordinator for  
6 Sanctions Policy, who shall be appointed by the  
7 President, by and with the advice and consent of the  
8 Senate, and shall report directly to the Secretary of  
9 State.

10 “(2) DUTIES.—The Coordinator for Sanctions  
11 Policy shall be responsible for the following:

12 “(A) Overseeing the diplomatic aspects of  
13 the enforcement of United States and United  
14 Nations sanctions, including sanctions with re-  
15 spect to Russia, Iran, North Korea, and other  
16 countries.

17 “(B) Coordinating with allies regarding the  
18 enforcement of such sanctions.

19 “(C) Coordinating determinations with re-  
20 spect to such sanctions by the heads of other  
21 Federal departments and agencies, including  
22 the Secretary of the Treasury and the United  
23 States intelligence community.

1 “(3) RANK AND STATUS OF AMBASSADOR.—  
2 The Coordinator for Sanctions Policy shall have the  
3 rank and status of Ambassador at Large.”.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the Coordinator for Sanctions Policy established pursuant to subsection (a) should be provided sufficient office space and support staff to ensure its successful establishment.

9 SEC. 202. NATIONAL RUSSIAN THREAT RESPONSE CENTER.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 119B the following new section:

13 "SEC. 119C. NATIONAL RUSSIAN THREAT RESPONSE CEN-  
14 TER.

15       “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is within the Office of  
16 the Director of National Intelligence a National Russian  
17 Threat Response Center (in this section referred to as the  
18 ‘Center’).

19       “(b) MISSION.—The primary missions of the Center  
20 shall be as follows:

“(1) To serve as the primary organization in the United States Government for analyzing and integrating all intelligence possessed or acquired by the United States Government pertaining to threats posed by the Russian Federation to the national se-

1 security, political sovereignty, and economic activity of  
2 the United States and its allies.

3 “(2) To synchronize the efforts of the intel-  
4 ligence community, the Department of Justice, the  
5 Federal Bureau of Investigation, and other depart-  
6 ments and agencies of the United States with re-  
7 spect to countering efforts by Russia to undermine  
8 the national security, political sovereignty, and eco-  
9 nomic activity of the United States and its allies, in-  
10 cluding by—

11 “(A) ensuring that each such element is  
12 aware of and coordinating on such efforts; and

13 “(B) overseeing the development and im-  
14 plementation of comprehensive and integrated  
15 policy responses to such efforts.

16 “(3) In coordination with the relevant elements  
17 of the Department of State, the Department of De-  
18 fense, the Department of Justice, the intelligence  
19 community, and other departments and agencies of  
20 the United States—

21 “(A) to develop policy recommendations for  
22 the President to detect, deter, and respond to  
23 the threats posed by Russia described in para-  
24 graph (1), including with respect to covert ac-  
25 tivities pursuant to section 503; and

1           “(B) to monitor and assess efforts by Rus-  
2           sia to carry out such threats.

3           “(4) In coordination with the head of the Glob-  
4           al Engagement Center established by section 1287  
5           of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
6           Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328), to examine cur-  
7           rent and emerging efforts by Russia to use propa-  
8           ganda and information operations relating to the  
9           threats posed by Russia described in paragraph (1).

10          “(5) To identify and close gaps across the de-  
11          partments and agencies of the Federal Government  
12          with respect to expertise, readiness, and planning to  
13          address the threats posed by Russia described in  
14          paragraph (1).

15          “(c) DIRECTOR.—

16          “(1) APPOINTMENT.—There is a Director of  
17          the Center, who shall be the head of the Center, and  
18          who shall be appointed by the Director of National  
19          Intelligence, with the concurrence of the Secretary of  
20          State. The Director may not simultaneously serve in  
21          any other capacity in the executive branch.

22          “(2) REPORTING.—The Director of the Center  
23          shall directly report to the Director of National In-  
24          telligence.

1           “(3) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Director of the  
2       Center shall—

3           “(A) ensure that the relevant departments  
4       and agencies of the Federal Government par-  
5       ticipate in the mission of the Center, including  
6       by recruiting detailees from such departments  
7       and agencies in accordance with subsection  
8       (e)(1); and

9           “(B) have primary responsibility within the  
10      United States Government, in coordination with  
11      the Director of National Intelligence, for estab-  
12      lishing requirements for the collection of intel-  
13      ligence related to, or regarding, the threats  
14      posed by Russia described in subsection (b)(1),  
15      in accordance with applicable provisions of law  
16      and Executive orders.

17      “(d) ANNUAL REPORTS.—

18           “(1) IN GENERAL.—At the direction of the Di-  
19      rector of National Intelligence, but not less than  
20      once each year, the Director of the Center shall sub-  
21      mit to the appropriate congressional committees a  
22      report on threats posed by Russia to the national se-  
23      curity, political sovereignty, and economic activity of  
24      the United States and its allies.

1           “(2) MATTERS INCLUDED.—Each report under  
2           paragraph (1) shall include, with respect to the pe-  
3           riod covered by the report, a discussion of the fol-  
4           lowing:

5                   “(A) The nature of the threats described  
6                   in such paragraph.

7                   “(B) The ability of the United States Gov-  
8                   ernment to address such threats.

9                   “(C) The progress of the Center in achiev-  
10                  ing its missions.

11                  “(D) Recommendations the Director deter-  
12                  mines necessary for legislative actions to im-  
13                  prove the ability of the Center to achieve its  
14                  missions.

15           “(3) FORM.—Each report under paragraph (1)  
16           shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may in-  
17           clude a classified annex.

18           “(e) EMPLOYEES.—

19                   “(1) DETAILEES.—Any Federal Government  
20                   employee may be detailed to the Center on a reim-  
21                   bursable or nonreimbursable basis, and such detail  
22                   shall be without interruption or loss of civil service  
23                   status or privilege for a period of not more than 8  
24                   years.

1           “(2) PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACTORS.—The  
2       Director of National Intelligence, in consultation  
3       with the Secretary of State, may hire United States  
4       citizens or aliens as personal services contractors for  
5       purposes of personnel resources of the Center, if—

6           “(A) the Director of National Intelligence  
7       determines that existing personnel resources are  
8       insufficient;

9           “(B) the period in which services are pro-  
10      vided by a personal services contractor, includ-  
11      ing options, does not exceed 3 years, unless the  
12      Director of National Intelligence determines  
13      that exceptional circumstances justify an exten-  
14      sion of up to 1 additional year;

15          “(C) not more than 10 United States citi-  
16      zens or aliens are employed as personal services  
17      contractors under the authority of this para-  
18      graph at any time; and

19          “(D) the authority of this paragraph is  
20      only used to obtain specialized skills or experi-  
21      ence or to respond to urgent needs.

22          “(3) SECURITY CLEARANCES.—Each employee  
23      detailed to the Center and contractor of the Center  
24      shall have the security clearance appropriate for the  
25      assigned duties of the employee or contractor.

1 “(f) BOARD.—

2 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a  
3 Board of the National Russian Threat Response  
4 Center (in this section referred to as the ‘Board’).

5 “(2) FUNCTIONS.—The Board shall conduct  
6 oversight of the Center to ensure the Center is  
7 achieving the missions of the Center. In conducting  
8 such oversight, upon a majority vote of the members  
9 of the Board, the Board may recommend to the Di-  
10 rector of National Intelligence that the Director of  
11 the Center should be removed for failing to achieve  
12 such missions.

13 “(3) MEMBERSHIP.—

14 “(A) APPOINTMENT.—The Board shall  
15 consist of 6 members. The head of each depart-  
16 ment or agency of the Federal Government  
17 specified in subparagraph (B) shall appoint a  
18 senior official from that department or agency,  
19 who shall be a member of the Senior Executive  
20 Service, as a member.

21 “(B) DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES REP-  
22 RESENTED.—The department or agency of the  
23 Federal Government specified in this subpara-  
24 graph are the following:

25 “(i) The Department of State.

1 “(ii) The Department of Defense.

2 “(iii) The Department of Justice.

3 “(iv) The Department of the Treas-  
4 ury.

5 “(v) The Department of Homeland  
6 Security.

7 “(vi) The Central Intelligence Agency.

8 “(4) MEETINGS.—The Board shall meet not  
9 less than biannually and shall be convened by the  
10 member appointed by the Secretary of State.

11 “(g) INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT.—The Director  
12 of the Center may convene biannual conferences to coordi-  
13 nate international efforts against threats posed by Russia  
14 described in subsection (b)(1).

15 “(h) TERMINATION.—The Center shall terminate on  
16 the date that is 8 years after the date of the enactment  
17 of this section.

18 “(i) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES  
19 DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘appropriate congres-  
20 sional committees’ means—

21 “(1) the congressional intelligence committees;

22 “(2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the  
23 Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee  
24 on Oversight and Government Reform of the House  
25 of Representatives; and

1           “(3) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the  
2           Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee  
3           on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of  
4           the Senate.”.

5           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
6           at the beginning of such Act is amended by inserting after  
7           the item relating to section 119B the following new item:  
          “Sec. 119C. National Russian Threat Response Center.”.

8           (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 507(a) of  
9           such Act (50 U.S.C. 3106) is amended by adding at the  
10          end the following new paragraph:

11           “(6) An annual report submitted under section  
12          119C(d)(1).”.

13          (d) FUNDING.—

14           (1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to any other au-  
15          thority of the Director of National Intelligence to  
16          transfer or reprogram funds, the Director may  
17          transfer not more than \$10,000,000 in each of fiscal  
18          years 2019 and 2020 to carry out the functions of  
19          the National Russian Threat Response Center estab-  
20          lished by section 119C of the National Security Act  
21          of 1947, as added by subsection (a), during such fis-  
22          cal years.

23           (2) NOTICE.—The Director of National Intel-  
24          ligence shall notify the congressional intelligence  
25          committees (as defined in section 3 of the National

1 Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003)) of a pro-  
2 posed transfer under paragraph (1) not less than 15  
3 days prior to making such transfer.

4 (3) INAPPLICABILITY OF REPROGRAMMING RE-  
5 QUIREMENTS.—The authority to transfer amounts  
6 under paragraph (1) shall not be subject to any  
7 transfer or reprogramming requirements under any  
8 other provision of law.

9 **SEC. 203. INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE RELATING TO IL-**  
10 **LICIT RUSSIAN FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES IN EU-**  
11 **ROPE.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title I of the National Security  
13 Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3021 et seq.) is amended by add-  
14 ing at the end the following new section:

15 **“SEC. 119C. INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE RELATING TO IL-**  
16 **LICIT RUSSIAN FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES IN EU-**  
17 **ROPE.**

18 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The President shall estab-  
19 lish an interagency task force relating to illicit Russian  
20 financial activities in Europe (in this section referred to  
21 as the ‘task force’).

22 “(b) HEAD OF TASK FORCE.—The head of the task  
23 force shall be a senior director, who shall be appointed  
24 by the President and who shall report to the Assistant

1 to the President for National Security Affairs (commonly  
2 referred to as the ‘National Security Advisor’).

3 “(c) FUNCTIONS.—The task force shall carry out the  
4 following functions:

5 “(1) In coordination with the intelligence com-  
6 munity, synchronize intelligence analysis relating to  
7 financial networks of the Russian Federation that  
8 operate in European countries relating to invest-  
9 ments in the real estate, energy, media, infrastruc-  
10 ture, philanthropy, civil society, sports, nongovern-  
11 mental organization, and other sectors.

12 “(2) In coordination with the Secretary of the  
13 Treasury, ensure training of United States liaison  
14 officers to serve in key United States diplomatic and  
15 consular posts in European countries to cooperate  
16 with foreign partners in the uncovering and prosecu-  
17 tion of illicit Russian financial activity.

18 “(d) PERSONNEL.—The task force is authorized to  
19 accept details or assignments of any personnel on a reim-  
20 bursable or nonreimbursable basis for the purpose of car-  
21 rying out this section, and the head of any Federal agency  
22 is authorized to detail or assign personnel of such agency  
23 on a reimbursable or nonreimbursable basis to the task  
24 force for purposes of carrying out this section.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
 2 for the National Security Act of 1947 is amended by in-  
 3 serting after the item relating to section 119B the fol-  
 4 lowing new item:

“Sec. 119C. Interagency task force relating to illicit Russian financial activities  
 in Europe.”.

5 **SEC. 204. PROHIBITION ON LICENSES OR OTHER AUTHOR-**  
 6 **IZATION FOR UNITED STATES PERSONS TO**  
 7 **ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES RELATING TO CER-**  
 8 **TAIN PROJECTS TO PRODUCE OIL IN THE**  
 9 **RUSSIAN FEDERATION.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Effective as of the date of the en-  
 11 actment of this Act—

12 (1) the Secretary of the Treasury, acting di-  
 13 rectly or through any person, agency, or instrumen-  
 14 tality, may not provide a license or other authoriza-  
 15 tion pursuant to Directive 4 under Executive Order  
 16 13662 to engage in any of the activities prohibited  
 17 under such Directive; and

18 (2) any license or other authorization provided  
 19 before such date of enactment by the Secretary of  
 20 the Treasury, acting directly or through any person,  
 21 agency, or instrumentality, pursuant to Directive 4  
 22 under Executive Order 13662 to engage in any of  
 23 the activities prohibited under such Directive shall  
 24 have no force or effect.

(b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “Directive 4 under Executive Order 13662” means Directive 4 of September 12, 2014, under Executive Order 13662 of March 20, 2014 (79 Fed. Reg. 16169; relating to Blocking Property of Additional Persons Contributing to the Situation in Ukraine) or any successor Directive or other Executive action.

## Subtitle B—SECURE Our Democracy Act

### SEC. 211. SHORT TITLE.

This subtitle may be cited as the “Safeguard our Elections and Combat Unlawful Interference in Our Democracy Act” or the “SECURE Our Democracy Act”.

### SEC. 212. DEFINITIONS.

In this subtitle:

(1) ADMITTED; ALIEN.—The terms “admitted” and “alien” have the meanings given such terms in section 101 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101).

(2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(A) in the House of Representatives—

(i) the Committee on Foreign Affairs;

1 (ii) the Committee on Homeland Se-  
2 curity;

3 (iii) the Committee on Financial Serv-  
4 ices;

5 (iv) the Committee on the Judiciary;  
6 and

7 (v) the Permanent Select Committee  
8 on Intelligence; and  
9 (B) in the Senate—

10 (i) the Committee on Foreign Rela-  
11 tions;

12 (ii) the Committee on Homeland Se-  
13 curity and Governmental Affairs;

14 (iii) the Committee on Banking,  
15 Housing, and Urban Affairs;

16 (iv) the Committee on the Judiciary;  
17 and

18 (v) the Select Committee on Intel-  
19 ligence.

20 (3) FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.—The term “fi-  
21 nancial institution” has the meaning given such  
22 term in section 5312 of title 31, United States Code.

23 (4) FOREIGN PERSON.—The term “foreign per-  
24 son” means a person that is not a United States  
25 person.

1           (5) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term  
2       “United States person” means—

3           (A) a United States citizen or an alien law-  
4       fully admitted for permanent residence to the  
5       United States; or

6           (B) an entity organized under the laws of  
7       the United States or of any jurisdiction within  
8       the United States, including a foreign branch of  
9       such an entity.

10 **SEC. 213. IDENTIFICATION OF FOREIGN PERSONS RESPON-**  
11 **SIBLE FOR ACTIONS TO UNLAWFULLY AC-**  
12 **CESS, DISRUPT, INFLUENCE, OR IN ANY WAY**  
13 **ALTER INFORMATION OR INFORMATION SYS-**  
14 **TEMS RELATED TO UNITED STATES POLIT-**  
15 **ICAL PARTIES OR ELECTIONS FOR FEDERAL**  
16 **OFFICE.**

17       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the  
18 date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall  
19 transmit to the appropriate congressional committees and  
20 the Secretary of State a list of each foreign person that  
21 the President, in consultation with the heads of other rel-  
22 evant Federal departments and agencies, determines—

23           (1) was, at any time since January 1, 2015,  
24       knowingly involved in actions to unlawfully access,  
25       disrupt, misappropriate, influence, or in any way

1 alter information or information systems related to  
2 United States political parties, candidates in elec-  
3 tions for Federal office, or the administration of  
4 elections for Federal office; or

5 (2) worked or acted as an agent or instrumen-  
6 tality of or on behalf of or was otherwise associated  
7 with such a foreign person in a matter relating to  
8 an action described in paragraph (1).

9 (b) UPDATES.—The President shall transmit to the  
10 appropriate congressional committees and the Secretary of  
11 State an update of the list required under subsection (a)  
12 as new information becomes available.

13 (c) FORM.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
15 graph (2), the list required under subsection (a) and  
16 any updates under subsection (b) shall be submitted  
17 in unclassified form.

18 (2) EXCEPTION.—The name of a foreign person  
19 to be included in the list required under subsection  
20 (a) and any updates under subsection (b) may be  
21 submitted in a classified annex only if the Presi-  
22 dent—

23 (A) determines that it is in the national se-  
24 curity interests of the United States to do so;  
25 and

1 (B) 15 days prior to submitting any such  
2 name in such a classified annex, provides to the  
3 appropriate congressional committees notice of,  
4 and a justification for, including or continuing  
5 to include any such foreign person in any such  
6 classified annex despite any publicly available  
7 information indicating that such foreign person  
8 is described in paragraph (1) or (2) of such  
9 subsection.

10 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY; NONAPPLICABILITY  
11 OF CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENT WITH RESPECT  
12 TO VISA RECORDS.—The unclassified portion of the  
13 list required under subsection (a), including any up-  
14 dates thereto, shall be made available to the public  
15 and published in the Federal Register, without re-  
16 gard to the requirements of section 222(f) of the Im-  
17 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1202(f))  
18 with respect to confidentiality of records pertaining  
19 to the issuance or refusal of visas or permits to  
20 enter the United States.

21 **SEC. 214. INADMISSIBILITY OF CERTAIN ALIENS.**

22 (a) INELIGIBILITY FOR VISAS.—An alien is ineligible  
23 to receive a visa to enter the United States and ineligible  
24 to be admitted to the United States if such alien is a for-

1    foreign person on the list required under section 213(a) or  
2    any update thereto.

3           (b) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—The Secretary of  
4    State shall revoke, in accordance with section 221(i) of  
5    the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1201(i)),  
6    the visa or other documentation of any alien who is a for-  
7    foreign person on the list required under section 213(a) or  
8    any update thereto, and who would therefore be ineligible  
9    to receive such a visa or documentation under subsection  
10   (a) of this section.

11          (c) APPLICABILITY TO FOREIGN ENTITIES AND FOR-  
12    EIGN GOVERNMENTS.—Subsections (a) and (b) of this  
13    section shall apply to aliens who are officials of, agents  
14    or instrumentalities of, working or acting on behalf of, or  
15    otherwise associated with a foreign entity or foreign gov-  
16    ernment that is a foreign person included on the list re-  
17    quired under section 213(a) or any update thereto, if the  
18    President determines that such aliens have knowingly au-  
19    thorized, conspired to commit, been responsible for, en-  
20    gaged in, or otherwise assisted or facilitated the actions  
21    described in such section 213(a).

22          (d) WAIVER FOR NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS.—  
23    The Secretary of State may waive the application of sub-  
24    section (a) or (b) in the case of an alien if—

1           (1) the Secretary determines that such a waiver—  
2

3                   (A) is necessary to permit the United  
4           States to comply with the Agreement between  
5           the United Nations and the United States of  
6           America regarding the Headquarters of the  
7           United Nations, signed June 26, 1947, and entered  
8           into force November 21, 1947, or other  
9           applicable international obligations of the  
10          United States; or

11                   (B) is in the national security interests of  
12          the United States; and

13           (2) not later than 15 days prior to granting  
14          such a waiver, the Secretary provides to the appropriate  
15          congressional committees notice of, and a justification  
16          for, such waiver.

17 **SEC. 215. FINANCIAL MEASURES.**

18          (a) FREEZING OF ASSETS.—

19                   (1) IN GENERAL.—The President, acting  
20          through the Secretary of the Treasury, shall exercise  
21          all powers granted by the International Emergency  
22          Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) (except  
23          that the requirements of section 202 of such  
24          Act (50 U.S.C. 1701) shall not apply) to the extent  
25          necessary to freeze and prohibit all transactions in

1 all property and interests in property of a foreign  
2 person that is on the list required under section  
3 213(a), including any update thereto, of this Act if  
4 such property or interests in property are in the  
5 United States, are or come within the United States,  
6 or are or come within the possession or control of a  
7 United States person.

8 (2) APPLICABILITY TO FOREIGN ENTITIES AND  
9 FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.—Paragraph (1) shall  
10 apply to aliens who are officials of, agents or instru-  
11 mentalities of, working or acting on behalf of, or  
12 otherwise associated with a foreign entity or foreign  
13 government that is a foreign person included on the  
14 list required under section 213(a), including any up-  
15 date thereto, if the Director of National Intelligence  
16 determines that such aliens have knowingly author-  
17 ized, conspired to commit, been responsible for, en-  
18 gaged in, or otherwise assisted or facilitated the ac-  
19 tions described in such section 213(a).

20 (b) WAIVER FOR NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS.—

21 The Secretary of the Treasury may waive the application  
22 of subsection (a) if—

23 (1) the Secretary determines that such a waiver  
24 is in the national security interests of the United  
25 States; and

1           (2) not less than 15 days prior to granting such  
2           a waiver, the Secretary provides to the appropriate  
3           congressional committees notice of, and a justifica-  
4           tion for, such waiver.

5           (c) ENFORCEMENT.—

6           (1) PENALTIES.—A foreign person that vio-  
7           lates, attempts to violate, conspires to violate, or  
8           causes a violation of this section or any regulation,  
9           license, or order issued to carry out this section shall  
10          be subject to the penalties specified in subsections  
11          (b) and (c) of section 206 of the International  
12          Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705)  
13          to the same extent as a person that commits an un-  
14          lawful act described in subsection (a) of such sec-  
15          tion.

16          (2) APPLICABILITY TO FOREIGN ENTITIES AND  
17          FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.—Paragraph (1) shall  
18          apply to aliens who are officials of, agents or instru-  
19          mentalities of, working or acting on behalf of, or  
20          otherwise associated with a foreign entity or foreign  
21          government that is a foreign person included on the  
22          list required under section 213(a), including any up-  
23          date thereto, if the Director of National Intelligence  
24          determines that such aliens have knowingly author-  
25          ized, conspired to commit, been responsible for, en-

1 gaged in, or otherwise assisted or facilitated the ac-  
2 tions described in such section 213(a).

3 (3) REQUIREMENTS FOR FINANCIAL INSTITU-  
4 TIONS.—Not later than 120 days after the date of  
5 the enactment of this Act, the President, acting  
6 through the Secretary of the Treasury, shall pre-  
7 scribe or amend regulations as needed to require  
8 each financial institution that is a United States  
9 person and has within its possession or control as-  
10 sets that are property or interests in property of a  
11 foreign person that is on the list required under sec-  
12 tion 213(a), including any update thereto, if such  
13 property or interests in property are in the United  
14 States, are or come within the United States, or are  
15 or come within the possession or control of a United  
16 States person, to certify to the Secretary that, to the  
17 best of the knowledge of such financial institution,  
18 such financial institution has frozen all assets within  
19 the possession or control of such financial institution  
20 that are required to be frozen pursuant to subsection  
21 (a) of this section.

22 (d) REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—The President, act-  
23 ing through the Secretary of the Treasury, shall issue such  
24 regulations, licenses, and orders as are necessary to carry  
25 out this section.

1 **SEC. 216. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of National Intel-  
3 ligence, in consultation with the heads of other relevant  
4 Federal departments and agencies, shall submit to the ap-  
5 propriate congressional committees a report on the actions  
6 taken to carry out this subtitle, including—

7 (1) a description of each foreign person on the  
8 list required under section 213(a), including any up-  
9 date thereto;

10 (2) the dates on which such foreign persons  
11 were added to such list; and

12 (3) a description of the actions described in  
13 such section that were undertaken by each such for-  
14 eign person.

15 (b) TIMING.—The Director of National Intelligence  
16 shall submit the first report required under this section  
17 not later than one year after the date of the enactment  
18 of this Act. The Director shall submit subsequent reports  
19 under this section not later than 60 days after the date  
20 of each regularly scheduled general election for Federal  
21 office, beginning with the election held in 2018.

22 (c) FORM.—Each report required under subsection  
23 (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may in-  
24 clude a classified annex if the Director of National Intel-  
25 ligence determines and includes in such report a specific  
26 national security justification for such classified annex.

1 **Subtitle C—Preventing Cyber In-**  
2 **trusion Into Election Infrastruc-**  
3 **ture**

4 **SEC. 221. ELECTION INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGNATION.**

5 Subparagraph (J) of section 2001(3) of the Home-  
6 land Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 601(3)) is amended  
7 by inserting “, including election infrastructure” before  
8 the period at the end.

9 **SEC. 222. TIMELY THREAT INFORMATION.**

10 Subsection (d) of section 201 of the Homeland Secu-  
11 rity Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 121) is amended by adding  
12 at the end the following new paragraph:

13 “(27) To provide timely threat information re-  
14 garding election infrastructure to the chief State  
15 election official of the State with respect to which  
16 such information pertains.”.

17 **SEC. 223. PRE-ELECTION THREAT ASSESSMENTS.**

18 (a) SUBMISSION OF ASSESSMENT BY DNI.—Not  
19 later than 180 days before the date of each regularly  
20 scheduled general election for Federal office, the Director  
21 of National Intelligence shall submit an assessment of the  
22 full scope of threats to election infrastructure, including  
23 cybersecurity threats posed by State actors and terrorist  
24 groups, and recommendations to address or mitigate the  
25 threats, as developed by the Secretary of Homeland Secu-

1 rity and Chairman of the Election Assistance Commission,  
2 to—

3 (1) the chief State election official of each  
4 State;

5 (2) the Committees on Homeland Security and  
6 House Administration of the House of Representa-  
7 tives and the Committees on Homeland Security and  
8 Governmental Affairs and Rules and Administration  
9 of the Senate; and

10 (3) any other appropriate congressional com-  
11 mittees.

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a) shall apply  
13 with respect to the regularly scheduled general election for  
14 Federal office held in November 2018 and each succeeding  
15 regularly scheduled general election for Federal office.

16 **SEC. 224. NOTIFICATION OF SIGNIFICANT FOREIGN CYBER**  
17 **INTRUSIONS AND ACTIVE MEASURES CAM-**  
18 **PAIGNS DIRECTED AT ELECTIONS FOR FED-**  
19 **ERAL OFFICES.**

20 (a) DETERMINATIONS OF SIGNIFICANT FOREIGN  
21 CYBER INTRUSIONS AND ACTIVE MEASURES CAM-  
22 PAIGNS.—The Director of National Intelligence, the Di-  
23 rector of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the  
24 Secretary of Homeland Security shall jointly carry out

1 subsection (b) if such Directors and the Secretary jointly  
2 determine—

3 (1) that on or after the date of the enactment  
4 of this Act, a significant foreign cyber intrusion or  
5 active measures campaign intended to influence an  
6 upcoming election for any Federal office has oc-  
7 curred or is occurring; and

8 (2) with moderate or high confidence, that such  
9 intrusion or campaign can be attributed to a foreign  
10 state or to a foreign nonstate person, group, or other  
11 entity.

12 (b) BRIEFING.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 14 days after  
14 making a determination under subsection (a), the  
15 Director of National Intelligence, the Director of the  
16 Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Secretary  
17 of Homeland Security shall jointly provide a briefing  
18 to the congressional leadership, the congressional in-  
19 telligence committees and, consistent with the pro-  
20 tection of sources and methods, the other appro-  
21 priate congressional committees. The briefing shall  
22 be classified and address, at a minimum, the fol-  
23 lowing:

1 (A) A description of the significant foreign  
2 cyber intrusion or active measures campaign, as  
3 the case may be, covered by the determination.

4 (B) An identification of the foreign state  
5 or foreign nonstate person, group, or other enti-  
6 ty, to which such intrusion or campaign has  
7 been attributed.

8 (C) The desirability and feasibility of the  
9 public release of information about the cyber in-  
10 trusion or active measures campaign.

11 (D) Any other information such Directors  
12 and the Secretary jointly determine appropriate.

13 (2) ELECTRONIC ELECTION INFRASTRUCTURE  
14 BRIEFINGS.—With respect to a significant foreign  
15 cyber intrusion covered by a determination under  
16 subsection (a), the Secretary of Homeland Security,  
17 in consultation with the Director of National Intel-  
18 ligence and the Director of the Federal Bureau of  
19 Investigation, shall offer to the owner or operator of  
20 any electronic election infrastructure directly af-  
21 fected by such intrusion, a briefing on such intru-  
22 sion, including any steps that may be taken to miti-  
23 gate such intrusion. Such briefing may be classified  
24 and made available only to individuals with appro-  
25 priate security clearances.

1           (3) PROTECTION OF SOURCES AND METH-  
2           ODS.—This subsection shall be carried out in a man-  
3           ner that is consistent with the protection of sources  
4           and methods.

5           (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6           (1) ACTIVE MEASURES CAMPAIGN.—The term  
7           “active measures campaign” means a foreign semi-  
8           covert or covert intelligence operation.

9           (2) CANDIDATE, ELECTION, AND POLITICAL  
10          PARTY.—The terms “candidate”, “election”, and  
11          “political party” have the meanings given those  
12          terms in section 301 of the Federal Election Cam-  
13          paign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30101).

14          (3) CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP.—The term  
15          “congressional leadership” includes the following:

16                (A) The majority leader of the Senate.

17                (B) The minority leader of the Senate.

18                (C) The Speaker of the House of Rep-  
19                resentatives.

20                (D) The minority leader of the House of  
21                Representatives.

22          (4) CYBER INTRUSION.—The term “cyber in-  
23          trusion” means an electronic occurrence that actu-  
24          ally or imminently jeopardizes, without lawful au-  
25          thority, electronic election infrastructure, or the in-

1 integrity, confidentiality, or availability of information  
2 within such infrastructure.

3 (5) ELECTRONIC ELECTION INFRASTRUC-  
4 TURE.—The term “electronic election infrastruc-  
5 ture” means an electronic information system of any  
6 of the following that is related to an election for  
7 Federal office:

8 (A) The Federal Government.

9 (B) A State or local government.

10 (C) A political party.

11 (D) The election campaign of a candidate.

12 (6) FEDERAL OFFICE.—The term “Federal of-  
13 fice” has the meaning given that term in section 301  
14 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52  
15 U.S.C. 30101).

16 (7) HIGH CONFIDENCE.—The term “high con-  
17 fidence”, with respect to a determination, means  
18 that the determination is based on high-quality in-  
19 formation from multiple sources.

20 (8) MODERATE CONFIDENCE.—The term “mod-  
21 erate confidence”, with respect to a determination,  
22 means that a determination is credibly sourced and  
23 plausible but not of sufficient quality or corrobo-  
24 rated sufficiently to warrant a higher level of con-  
25 fidence.

1 (9) OTHER APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COM-  
 2 MITTEES.—The term “other appropriate congres-  
 3 sional committees” means—

4 (A) the Committee on Armed Services and  
 5 the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-  
 6 ernmental Affairs of the Senate; and

7 (B) the Committee on Armed Services and  
 8 the Committee on Homeland Security of the  
 9 House of Representatives.

## 10 **Subtitle D—Honest Ads Act**

### 11 **SEC. 231. SHORT TITLE.**

12 This subtitle may be cited as the “Honest Ads Act”.

### 13 **SEC. 232. PURPOSE.**

14 The purpose of this subtitle is to enhance the integ-  
 15 rity of American democracy and national security by im-  
 16 proving disclosure requirements for online political adver-  
 17 tisements in order to uphold the United States Supreme  
 18 Court’s well-established standard that the electorate bears  
 19 the right to be fully informed.

### 20 **SEC. 233. FINDINGS.**

21 Congress makes the following findings:

22 (1) On January 6, 2017, the Office of the Di-  
 23 rector of National Intelligence published a report ti-  
 24 tled “Assessing Russian Activities and Intentions in  
 25 Recent U.S. Elections”, noting that “Russian Presi-

1       dent Vladimir Putin ordered an influence campaign  
2       in 2016 aimed at the U.S. Presidential election  
3       . . .”. Moscow’s influence campaign followed a Rus-  
4       sian messaging strategy that blends covert intel-  
5       ligence operation—such as cyber activity—with overt  
6       efforts by Russian Government agencies, State-fund-  
7       ed media, third-party intermediaries, and paid social  
8       media users or “trolls.”

9               (2) On November 24, 2016, the Washington  
10       Post reported findings from 2 teams of independent  
11       researchers that concluded Russians “exploited  
12       American-made technology platforms to attack U.S.  
13       democracy at a particularly vulnerable moment . . .  
14       as part of a broadly effective strategy of sowing dis-  
15       trust in U.S. democracy and its leaders.”.

16              (3) Findings from a 2017 study on the manipu-  
17       lation of public opinion through social media con-  
18       ducted by the Computational Propaganda Research  
19       Project at the Oxford Internet Institute found that  
20       the Kremlin is using pro-Russian bots to manipulate  
21       public discourse to a highly targeted audience. With  
22       a sample of nearly 1,300,000 tweets, researchers  
23       found that in the 2016 election’s 3 decisive States,  
24       propaganda constituted 40 percent of the sampled  
25       election-related tweets that went to Pennsylvanians,

1       34 percent to Michigan voters, and 30 percent to  
2       those in Wisconsin. In other swing States, the figure  
3       reached 42 percent in Missouri, 41 percent in Flor-  
4       ida, 40 percent in North Carolina, 38 percent in  
5       Colorado, and 35 percent in Ohio.

6           (4) On September 6, 2017, the Nation’s largest  
7       social media platform disclosed that between June  
8       2015 and May 2017, Russian entities purchased  
9       \$100,000 in political advertisements, publishing  
10      roughly 3,000 ads linked to fake accounts associated  
11      with the Internet Research Agency, a pro-Kremlin  
12      organization. According to the company, the ads  
13      purchased focused “on amplifying divisive social and  
14      political messages . . .”.

15          (5) In 2002, the Bipartisan Campaign Reform  
16      Act became law, establishing disclosure requirements  
17      for political advertisements distributed from a tele-  
18      vision or radio broadcast station or provider of cable  
19      or satellite television. In 2003, the Supreme Court  
20      upheld regulations on electioneering communications  
21      established under the Act, noting that such require-  
22      ments “provide the electorate with information and  
23      insure that the voters are fully informed about the  
24      person or group who is speaking.”.

1           (6) According to a study from Borrell Associ-  
2           ates, in 2016, \$1,415,000,000 was spent on online  
3           advertising, more than quadruple the amount in  
4           2012.

5           (7) The reach of a few large internet plat-  
6           forms—larger than any broadcast, satellite, or cable  
7           provider—has greatly facilitated the scope and effec-  
8           tiveness of disinformation campaigns. For instance,  
9           the largest platform has over 210,000,000 American  
10          users—over 160,000,000 of them on a daily basis.  
11          By contrast, the largest cable television provider has  
12          22,430,000 subscribers, while the largest satellite  
13          television provider has 21,000,000 subscribers. And  
14          the most-watched television broadcast in U.S. his-  
15          tory had 118,000,000 viewers.

16          (8) The public nature of broadcast television,  
17          radio, and satellite ensures a level of publicity for  
18          any political advertisement. These communications  
19          are accessible to the press, fact-checkers, and polit-  
20          ical opponents; this creates strong disincentives for  
21          a candidate to disseminate materially false, inflam-  
22          matory, or contradictory messages to the public. So-  
23          cial media platforms, in contrast, can target portions  
24          of the electorate with direct, ephemeral advertise-  
25          ments often on the basis of private information the

1 platform has on individuals, enabling political adver-  
2 tisements that are contradictory, racially or socially  
3 inflammatory, or materially false.

4 (9) According to comScore, 2 companies own  
5 eight of the 10 most popular smartphone applica-  
6 tions as of June 2017, including the most popular  
7 social media and email services—which deliver infor-  
8 mation and news to users without requiring  
9 proactivity by the user. Those same 2 companies ac-  
10 counted for 99 percent of revenue growth from digi-  
11 tal advertising in 2016, including 77 percent of  
12 gross spending. Seventy-nine percent of online  
13 Americans—representing 68 percent of all Ameri-  
14 cans—use the single largest social network, while 66  
15 percent of these users are most likely to get their  
16 news from that site.

17 (10) In its 2006 rulemaking, the Federal Elec-  
18 tion Commission noted that only 18 percent of all  
19 Americans cited the internet as their leading source  
20 of news about the 2004 Presidential election; by con-  
21 trast, the Pew Research Center found that 65 per-  
22 cent of Americans identified an internet-based  
23 source as their leading source of information for the  
24 2016 election.

1           (11) The Federal Election Commission, the  
2           independent Federal agency charged with protecting  
3           the integrity of the Federal campaign finance proc-  
4           ess by providing transparency and administering  
5           campaign finance laws, has failed to take action to  
6           address online political advertisements.

7           (12) In testimony before the Senate Select  
8           Committee on Intelligence titled, “Disinformation: A  
9           Primer in Russian Active Measures and Influence  
10          Campaigns,” multiple expert witnesses testified that  
11          while the disinformation tactics of foreign adver-  
12          saries have not necessarily changed, social media  
13          services now provide “platform[s] practically pur-  
14          pose-built for active measures[.]” Similarly, as Gen.  
15          (RET) Keith B. Alexander, the former Director of  
16          the National Security Agency, testified, during the  
17          Cold War “if the Soviet Union sought to manipulate  
18          information flow, it would have to do so principally  
19          through its own propaganda outlets or through ac-  
20          tive measures that would generate specific news:  
21          planting of leaflets, inciting of violence, creation of  
22          other false materials and narratives. But the news  
23          itself was hard to manipulate because it would have  
24          required actual control of the organs of media, which  
25          took long-term efforts to penetrate. Today, however,

1       because the clear majority of the information on so-  
2       cial media sites is uncured and there is a rapid  
3       proliferation of information sources and other sites  
4       that can reinforce information, there is an increasing  
5       likelihood that the information available to average  
6       consumers may be inaccurate (whether intentionally  
7       or otherwise) and may be more easily manipulable  
8       than in prior eras.”.

9               (13) Current regulations on political advertise-  
10       ments do not provide sufficient transparency to up-  
11       hold the public’s right to be fully informed about po-  
12       litical advertisements made online.

13   **SEC. 234. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

14       It is the sense of Congress that—

15               (1) the dramatic increase in digital political ad-  
16       vertisements, and the growing centrality of online  
17       platforms in the lives of Americans, requires the  
18       Congress and the Federal Election Commission to  
19       take meaningful action to ensure that laws and reg-  
20       ulations provide the accountability and transparency  
21       that is fundamental to our democracy;

22               (2) free and fair elections require both trans-  
23       parency and accountability which give the public a  
24       right to know the true sources of funding for polit-  
25       ical advertisements in order to make informed polit-

1 ical choices and hold elected officials accountable;  
 2 and

3 (3) transparency of funding for political adver-  
 4 tisements is essential to enforce other campaign fi-  
 5 nance laws, including the prohibition on campaign  
 6 spending by foreign nationals.

7 **SEC. 235. EXPANSION OF DEFINITION OF PUBLIC COMMU-**  
 8 **NICATION.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (22) of section 301 of  
 10 the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C.  
 11 30101(22)) is amended by striking “or satellite commu-  
 12 nication” and inserting “satellite, paid internet, or paid  
 13 digital communication”.

14 (b) TREATMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDI-  
 15 TURES.—Section 301 of such Act (52 U.S.C. 30101) is  
 16 amended—

17 (1) in paragraph (8)(B)—

18 (A) by striking “on broadcasting stations,  
 19 or in newspapers, magazines, or similar types of  
 20 general public political advertising” in clause  
 21 (v) and inserting “in any public communica-  
 22 tion”;

23 (B) by striking “broadcasting, newspaper,  
 24 magazine, billboard, direct mail, or similar type  
 25 of general public communication or political ad-

1           vertising” in clause (ix)(1) and inserting “pub-  
2           lic communication”; and

3           (C) by striking “but not including the use  
4           of broadcasting, newspapers, magazines, bill-  
5           boards, direct mail, or similar types of general  
6           public communication or political advertising”  
7           in clause (x) and inserting “but not including  
8           use in any public communication”; and  
9           (2) in paragraph (9)(B)—

10          (A) by striking clause (i) and inserting the  
11          following:

12                 “(i) any news story, commentary, or  
13                 editorial distributed through the facilities  
14                 of any broadcasting station or any print,  
15                 online, or digital newspaper, magazine,  
16                 blog, publication, or periodical, unless such  
17                 broadcasting, print, online, or digital facili-  
18                 ties are owned or controlled by any polit-  
19                 ical party, political committee, or can-  
20                 didate;” and

21          (B) by striking “on broadcasting stations,  
22          or in newspapers, magazines, or similar types of  
23          general public political advertising” in clause  
24          (iv) and inserting “in any public communica-  
25          tion”.

1 (c) DISCLOSURE AND DISCLAIMER STATEMENTS.—  
 2 Subsection (a) of section 318 of such Act (52 U.S.C.  
 3 30120) is amended—

4 (1) by striking “financing any communication  
 5 through any broadcasting station, newspaper, maga-  
 6 zine, outdoor advertising facility, mailing, or any  
 7 other type of general public political advertising”  
 8 and inserting “financing any public communication”;  
 9 and

10 (2) by striking “solicits any contribution  
 11 through any broadcasting station, newspaper, maga-  
 12 zine, outdoor advertising facility, mailing, or any  
 13 other type of general public political advertising”  
 14 and inserting “solicits any contribution through any  
 15 public communication”.

16 **SEC. 236. EXPANSION OF DEFINITION OF ELECTIONEERING**  
 17 **COMMUNICATION.**

18 (a) EXPANSION TO ONLINE COMMUNICATIONS.—

19 (1) APPLICATION TO QUALIFIED INTERNET AND  
 20 DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (A) of  
 22 section 304(f)(3) of the Federal Election Cam-  
 23 paign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30104(f)(3)(A))  
 24 is amended by striking “or satellite communica-  
 25 tion” each place it appears in clauses (i) and

(ii) and inserting “satellite, or qualified internet or digital communication”.

(B) QUALIFIED INTERNET OR DIGITAL COMMUNICATION.—Paragraph (3) of section 304(f) of such Act (52 U.S.C. 30104(f)) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(D) QUALIFIED INTERNET OR DIGITAL COMMUNICATION.—The term ‘qualified internet or digital communication’ means any communication which is placed or promoted for a fee on an online platform (as defined in subsection (j)(3)).”.

(2) NONAPPLICATION OF RELEVANT ELECTORATE TO ONLINE COMMUNICATIONS.—Section 304(f)(3)(A)(i)(III) of such Act (52 U.S.C. 30104(f)(3)(A)(i)(III)) is amended by inserting “any broadcast, cable, or satellite” before “communication”.

(3) NEWS EXEMPTION.—Section 304(f)(3)(B)(i) of such Act (52 U.S.C. 30104(f)(3)(B)(i)) is amended to read as follows:

“(i) a communication appearing in a news story, commentary, or editorial distributed through the facilities of any

1           broadcasting station or any online or dig-  
 2           ital newspaper, magazine, blog, publica-  
 3           tion, or periodical, unless such broad-  
 4           casting, online, or digital facilities are  
 5           owned or controlled by any political party,  
 6           political committee, or candidate;”.

7           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
 8 this section shall apply with respect to communications  
 9 made on or after January 1, 2018.

10 **SEC. 237. APPLICATION OF DISCLAIMER STATEMENTS TO**  
 11 **ONLINE COMMUNICATIONS.**

12           (a) CLEAR AND CONSPICUOUS MANNER REQUIRE-  
 13 MENT.—Subsection (a) of section 318 of the Federal Elec-  
 14 tion Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30120(a)) is  
 15 amended—

16           (1) by striking “shall clearly state” each place  
 17 it appears in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) and in-  
 18 serting “shall state in a clear and conspicuous man-  
 19 ner”; and

20           (2) by adding at the end the following flush  
 21 sentence: “For purposes of this subsection, a com-  
 22 munication does not make a statement in a clear  
 23 and conspicuous manner if it is difficult to read or  
 24 hear or if the placement is easily overlooked.”.

1 (b) SPECIAL RULES FOR QUALIFIED INTERNET OR  
2 DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 318 of such Act (52  
4 U.S.C. 30120) is amended by adding at the end the  
5 following new subsection:

6 “(e) SPECIAL RULES QUALIFIED INTERNET OR DIG-  
7 ITAL COMMUNICATIONS.—

8 “(1) SPECIAL RULES WITH RESPECT TO STATE-  
9 MENTS.—In the case of any qualified internet or  
10 digital communication (as defined in section  
11 304(f)(3)(D)) which is disseminated through a me-  
12 dium in which the provision of all of the information  
13 specified in this section is not possible, the commu-  
14 nication shall, in a clear and conspicuous manner—

15 “(A) state the name of the person who  
16 paid for the communication; and

17 “(B) provide a means for the recipient of  
18 the communication to obtain the remainder of  
19 the information required under this section with  
20 minimal effort and without receiving or viewing  
21 any additional material other than such re-  
22 quired information.

23 “(2) SAFE HARBOR FOR DETERMINING CLEAR  
24 AND CONSPICUOUS MANNER.—A statement in quali-  
25 fied internet or digital communication (as defined in

1 section 304(f)(3)(D)) shall be considered to be made  
2 in a clear and conspicuous manner as provided in  
3 subsection (a) if the communication meets the fol-  
4 lowing requirements:

5 “(A) TEXT OR GRAPHIC COMMUNICA-  
6 TIONS.—In the case of a text or graphic com-  
7 munication, the statement—

8 “(i) appears in letters at least as large  
9 as the majority of the text in the commu-  
10 nication; and

11 “(ii) meets the requirements of para-  
12 graphs (2) and (3) of subsection (c).

13 “(B) AUDIO COMMUNICATIONS.—In the  
14 case of an audio communication, the statement  
15 is spoken in a clearly audible and intelligible  
16 manner at the beginning or end of the commu-  
17 nication and lasts at least 3 seconds.

18 “(C) VIDEO COMMUNICATIONS.—In the  
19 case of a video communication which also in-  
20 cludes audio, the statement—

21 “(i) is included at either the beginning  
22 or the end of the communication; and

23 “(ii) is made both in—

24 “(I) a written format that meets  
25 the requirements of subparagraph (A)

1 and appears for at least 4 seconds;

2 and

3 “(II) an audible format that  
4 meets the requirements of subpara-  
5 graph (B).

6 “(D) OTHER COMMUNICATIONS.—In the  
7 case of any other type of communication, the  
8 statement is at least as clear and conspicuous  
9 as the statement specified in subparagraphs  
10 (A), (B), or (C).”.

11 (2) NONAPPLICATION OF CERTAIN EXCEP-  
12 TIONS.—The exceptions provided in section  
13 110.11(f)(1)(i) and (ii) of title 11, Code of Federal  
14 Regulations, or any successor to such rules, shall  
15 have no application to qualified internet or digital  
16 communications (as defined in section 304(f)(3)(D)  
17 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971).

18 (c) MODIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS  
19 FOR CERTAIN COMMUNICATIONS.—Section 318(d) of such  
20 Act (52 U.S.C. 30120(d)) is amended—

21 (1) in paragraph (1)(A)—

22 (A) by striking “which is transmitted  
23 through radio” and inserting “which is in an  
24 audio format”; and

1 (B) by striking “BY RADIO” in the heading  
 2 and inserting “AUDIO FORMAT”;

3 (2) in paragraph (1)(B)—

4 (A) by striking “which is transmitted  
 5 through television” and inserting “which is in  
 6 video format”; and

7 (B) by striking “BY TELEVISION” in the  
 8 heading and inserting “VIDEO FORMAT”; and

9 (3) in paragraph (2)—

10 (A) by striking “transmitted through radio  
 11 or television” and inserting “made in audio or  
 12 video format”; and

13 (B) by striking “through television” in the  
 14 second sentence and inserting “in video for-  
 15 mat”.

16 **SEC. 238. POLITICAL RECORD REQUIREMENTS FOR ONLINE**  
 17 **PLATFORMS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 304 of the Federal Elec-  
 19 tion Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30104) is amended  
 20 by adding at the end the following new subsection:

21 “(j) DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN ONLINE ADVERTISE-  
 22 MENTS.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—

24 “(A) REQUIREMENTS FOR ONLINE PLAT-  
 25 FORMS.—An online platform shall maintain,

1 and make available for online public inspection  
2 in machine readable format, a complete record  
3 of any request to purchase on such online plat-  
4 form a qualified political advertisement which is  
5 made by a person whose aggregate requests to  
6 purchase qualified political advertisements on  
7 such online platform during the calendar year  
8 exceeds \$500.

9 “(B) REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVER-  
10 TISERS.—Any person who requests to purchase  
11 a qualified political advertisement on an online  
12 platform shall provide the online platform with  
13 such information as is necessary for the online  
14 platform to comply with the requirements of  
15 subparagraph (A).

16 “(2) CONTENTS OF RECORD.—A record main-  
17 tained under paragraph (1)(A) shall contain—

18 “(A) a digital copy of the qualified political  
19 advertisement;

20 “(B) a description of the audience targeted  
21 by the advertisement, the number of views gen-  
22 erated from the advertisement, and the date  
23 and time that the advertisement is first dis-  
24 played and last displayed; and

25 “(C) information regarding—

1 “(i) the average rate charged for the  
2 advertisement;

3 “(ii) the name of the candidate to  
4 which the advertisement refers and the of-  
5 fice to which the candidate is seeking elec-  
6 tion, the election to which the advertise-  
7 ment refers, or the national legislative  
8 issue to which the advertisement refers (as  
9 applicable);

10 “(iii) in the case of a request made  
11 by, or on behalf of, a candidate, the name  
12 of the candidate, the authorized committee  
13 of the candidate, and the treasurer of such  
14 committee; and

15 “(iv) in the case of any request not  
16 described in clause (iii), the name of the  
17 person purchasing the advertisement, the  
18 name, address, and phone number of a  
19 contact person for such person, and a list  
20 of the chief executive officers or members  
21 of the executive committee or of the board  
22 of directors of such person.

23 “(3) ONLINE PLATFORM.—For purposes of this  
24 subsection, the term ‘online platform’ means any  
25 public-facing website, web application, or digital ap-

1        plication (including a social network, ad network, or  
2        search engine) which—

3                “(A) sells qualified political advertise-  
4        ments; and

5                “(B) has 50,000,000 or more unique  
6        monthly United States visitors or users for a  
7        majority of months during the preceding 12  
8        months.

9        “(4) QUALIFIED POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT.—

10               “(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this  
11        subsection, the term ‘qualified political adver-  
12        tisement’ means any advertisement (including  
13        search engine marketing, display advertise-  
14        ments, video advertisements, native advertise-  
15        ments, and sponsorships) that—

16               “(i) is made by or on behalf of a can-  
17        didate; or

18               “(ii) communicates a message relating  
19        to any political matter of national impor-  
20        tance, including—

21               “(I) a candidate;

22               “(II) any election to Federal of-  
23        fice; or

24               “(III) a national legislative issue  
25        of public importance.

1           “(5) TIME TO MAINTAIN FILE.—The informa-  
2           tion required under this subsection shall be made  
3           available as soon as possible and shall be retained by  
4           the online platform for a period of not less than 4  
5           years.

6           “(6) PENALTIES.—For penalties for failure by  
7           online platforms, and persons requesting to purchase  
8           a qualified political advertisement on online plat-  
9           forms, to comply with the requirements of this sub-  
10          section, see section 309.”.

11          (b) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 90 days after the  
12          date of the enactment of this Act, the Federal Election  
13          Commission shall establish rules—

14                (1) requiring common data formats for the  
15                record required to be maintained under section  
16                304(j) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of  
17                1971 (as added by subsection (a)) so that all online  
18                platforms submit and maintain data online in a com-  
19                mon, machine-readable and publicly accessible for-  
20                mat; and

21                (2) establishing search interface requirements  
22                relating to such record, including searches by can-  
23                didate name, issue, purchaser, and date.

24          (c) REPORTING.—Not later than 2 years after the  
25          date of the enactment of this Act, and biannually there-

1 after, the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission  
2 shall submit a report to Congress on—

3 (1) matters relating to compliance with and the  
4 enforcement of the requirements of section 304(j) of  
5 the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as  
6 added by subsection (a);

7 (2) recommendations for any modifications to  
8 such section to assist in carrying out its purposes;  
9 and

10 (3) identifying ways to bring transparency and  
11 accountability to political advertisements distributed  
12 online for free.

13 **SEC. 239. PREVENTING CONTRIBUTIONS, EXPENDITURES,**  
14 **INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES, AND DIS-**  
15 **BURSEMENTS FOR ELECTIONEERING COM-**  
16 **MUNICATIONS BY FOREIGN NATIONALS IN**  
17 **THE FORM OF ONLINE ADVERTISING.**

18 Section 319 of the Federal Election Campaign Act  
19 of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30121) is amended by adding at the  
20 end the following new subsection:

21 “(c) Each television or radio broadcast station, pro-  
22 vider of cable or satellite television, or online platform (as  
23 defined in section 304(j)(3)) shall make reasonable efforts  
24 to ensure that communications described in section 318(a)  
25 and made available by such station, provider, or platform

1 are not purchased by a foreign national, directly or indi-  
2 rectly.”.

3       **Subtitle E—Countering Foreign**  
4               **Propaganda Act of 2018**

5       **SEC. 241. SHORT TITLE.**

6           This subtitle may be cited as the “Countering For-  
7 eign Propaganda Act of 2018”.

8       **SEC. 242. DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR UNITED**  
9               **STATES-BASED FOREIGN MEDIA OUTLETS.**

10       Title VII of the Communications Act of 1934 (47  
11 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the  
12 following:

13       **“SEC. 722. DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR UNITED**  
14               **STATES-BASED FOREIGN MEDIA OUTLETS.**

15           “(a) REPORTS BY OUTLETS TO COMMISSION.—Not  
16 later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this  
17 section, and not less frequently than every 6 months there-  
18 after, a United States-based foreign media outlet shall  
19 submit to the Commission a report that contains the fol-  
20 lowing information:

21               “(1) The name of such outlet.

22               “(2) A description of the relationship of such  
23 outlet to the foreign principal of such outlet, includ-  
24 ing a description of the legal structure of such rela-

1        tionship and any funding that such outlet receives  
2        from such principal.

3        “(b) REPORTS BY COMMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not  
4 later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this  
5 section, and not less frequently than every 6 months there-  
6 after, the Commission shall transmit to Congress a report  
7 that summarizes the contents of the reports submitted by  
8 United States-based foreign media outlets under sub-  
9 section (a) during the preceding 6-month period.

10       “(c) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Commission shall  
11 make publicly available on the internet website of the  
12 Commission each report submitted by a United States-  
13 based foreign media outlet under subsection (a) not later  
14 than the earlier of—

15           “(1) the date that is 30 days after the outlet  
16 submits the report to the Commission; or

17           “(2) the date on which the Commission trans-  
18 mits to Congress under subsection (b) the report  
19 covering the 6-month period during which the report  
20 of the outlet was submitted to the Commission  
21 under subsection (a).

22       “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23           “(1) FOREIGN PRINCIPAL.—The term ‘foreign  
24 principal’ has the meaning given such term in sec-

tion 1(b)(1) of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 (22 U.S.C. 611(b)(1)).

“(2) UNITED STATES-BASED FOREIGN MEDIA OUTLET.—The term ‘United States-based foreign media outlet’ means an entity that—

“(A) produces or distributes video programming that is transmitted, or intended for transmission, by a multichannel video programming distributor to consumers in the United States; and

“(B) would be an agent of a foreign principal (as defined in paragraph (1)) for purposes of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 (22 U.S.C. 611 et seq.) but for section 1(d) of such Act (22 U.S.C. 611(d)).”.

**TITLE III—ACTIONS TO  
COUNTER RUSSIAN AGGRESSION  
AGAINST UNITED STATES ALLIES  
Subtitle A—Stand With UK Against  
Russia Violations Act**

**SEC. 301. SHORT TITLE.**

This subtitle may be cited as the “Stand with UK against Russia Violations Act”.

1 **SEC. 302. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) On March 4, 2018, Sergei V. Skripal, and  
4 his daughter, Yulia Skripal, were found unconscious  
5 on a park bench in Salisbury, England.

6 (2) British Prime Minister Theresa May an-  
7 nounced on March 12, 2018, that the poison used in  
8 the attack was Novichok, a military-grade nerve  
9 agent developed by Soviet scientists for use on North  
10 Atlantic Treaty Organization troops, and that Rus-  
11 sia was responsible for the attack.

12 (3) On March 15, 2018, the United Kingdom,  
13 France, and Germany issued a joint statement hold-  
14 ing the Government of Russia responsible for the  
15 poisoning and characterizing the attack as “an as-  
16 sult on UK sovereignty”.

17 **SEC. 303. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

18 It is the sense of Congress that—

19 (1) The attempts of the Government of Russia  
20 to commit murders on British soil are unconscion-  
21 able and violate international law.

22 (2) The United States stands in strong soli-  
23 darity with the British government and its people as  
24 they respond to this violation.

25 (3) Russian aggression must be met with  
26 strength and resolve, including through sanctions to

1       deter future Russian attacks on dissidents, expatri-  
2       ates, and democratic activists.

3 **SEC. 304. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO**  
4                   **RUSSIAN PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR**  
5                   **MARCH 12 ATTACK.**

6       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the  
7       date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall im-  
8       pose the sanctions described in subsection (c) with respect  
9       to any person that the President determines—

10           (1) knowingly engaged in, provided material  
11       support to, worked on behalf of, or acted as an  
12       agent or instrumentality of, any person who per-  
13       petrated the attack against Sergei Skripal and Yulia  
14       Skripal on March 4, 2018; or

15           (2) is an officer, employee, or agent of the Gov-  
16       ernment of Russia and knowingly, on or after the  
17       date of the enactment of this Act, materially as-  
18       sisted, worked on behalf of, or acted as an agent or  
19       instrumentality of, the Government of Russia in  
20       committing murder, attempted murder, or assault  
21       outside of Russia against any expatriate, dissident,  
22       or foreign national.

23       (b) CONCURRENT REPORT.—The President shall  
24       submit to Congress a report, concurrent with the imposi-  
25       tion of any sanction under subsection (a), that lists each

1 person determined to have engaged in the conduct result-  
2 ing in such sanction.

3 (c) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions de-  
4 scribed in this subsection are the sanctions described in  
5 section 224(b) of the Countering America’s Adversaries  
6 Through Sanctions Act (22 U.S.C. 9524(b)).

7 **SEC. 305. PROHIBITION ON TRANSACTIONS RELATING TO**  
8 **NEW RUSSIAN SOVEREIGN DEBT.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the  
10 date of the imposition of a sanction pursuant to section  
11 304(a)(2), the President shall—

12 (1) issue regulations prohibiting United States  
13 persons from engaging in transactions with, pro-  
14 viding financing for, or in any other way dealing in  
15 Russian sovereign debt that is issued on or after the  
16 date that is 180 days after such date of imposition  
17 of sanctions; and

18 (2) exercise all powers granted to the President  
19 by the International Emergency Economic Powers  
20 Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 13 et seq.) to the extent nec-  
21 essary to block and prohibit all transactions in all  
22 property and interests in property of one or more of  
23 the financial institutions listed in subsection (c) if  
24 such property and interests in property are in the  
25 United States, come within the United States, or are

1 or come within the possession or control of a United  
2 States person.

3 (b) RUSSIAN SOVEREIGN DEBT DEFINED.—For pur-  
4 poses of this section, the term “Russian sovereign debt”  
5 means—

6 (1) bonds issued by the Russian Central Bank,  
7 the Russian National Wealth Fund, the Russian  
8 Federal Treasury, or agents or affiliates of any such  
9 institution, with a maturity of more than 14 days;

10 (2) new foreign exchange swap agreements with  
11 the Russian Central Bank, the Russian National  
12 Wealth Fund, or the Russian Federal Treasury, the  
13 duration of which agreement is longer than 14 days;  
14 and

15 (3) any other financial instrument, the duration  
16 or maturity of which is more than 14 days, that—

17 (A) the President determines represents  
18 the sovereign debt of Russia; or

19 (B) is issued by a bank listed in subsection  
20 (c).

21 (c) RUSSIAN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.—The finan-  
22 cial institutions listed in this subsection are the following:

23 (1) Sberbank.

24 (2) VTB Bank.

25 (3) Gazprombank.

1 (4) Bank of Moscow.

2 (5) Rosselkhozbank.

3 (6) Promsvyazbank.

4 (7) Vnesheconombank.

5 (d) REQUIREMENT TO PROMPTLY PUBLISH GUID-  
6 ANCE.—The President shall concurrently publish guidance  
7 on the implementation of the regulations issued pursuant  
8 to subsection (a).

9 **SEC. 306. IMPLEMENTATION; PENALTIES; TERMINATION.**

10 (a) IMPLEMENTATION.—The President may exercise  
11 all authorities provided to the President under sections  
12 203 and 205 of the International Emergency Economic  
13 Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704) to carry out this  
14 subtitle.

15 (b) PENALTIES.—A person that violates, attempts to  
16 violate, conspires to violate, or causes a violation of section  
17 304 or 305, or any regulation, license, or order issued to  
18 carry out such sections, shall be subject to the penalties  
19 set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the  
20 International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50  
21 U.S.C. 1705) to the same extent as a person that commits  
22 an unlawful act described in subsection (a) of that section.

23 (c) TERMINATION.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President may termi-  
25 nate the application of a sanction under section 304

1 or section 305(a)(2) if the President submits to Con-  
2 gress a determination that officers, employees, and  
3 agents of the Government of Russia no longer en-  
4 gage in the conduct described in section 304(a)(2).

5 (2) WAIVER.—The President may, on or after  
6 the date on which the President submits the deter-  
7 mination described in paragraph (1), waive the pro-  
8 hibition imposed pursuant to section 305(a)(1) with  
9 respect to Russian sovereign debt (as defined in such  
10 section) issued on or after such date if the President  
11 concurrently submits to Congress a notification that  
12 includes a justification of the basis for waiving such  
13 prohibition.

14 **SEC. 307. ENHANCED MILITARY ACTIVITIES TO DETER RUS-**  
15 **SIAN AGGRESSION.**

16 (a) NATO EXERCISES.—The Secretary of Defense,  
17 in consultation with appropriate officials of other countries  
18 in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), shall  
19 seek opportunities to conduct more NATO naval exercises  
20 in the Baltic and Black Seas, as well as in the northern  
21 Atlantic Ocean, to defend the seas around Europe and  
22 deter Russian aggression in those regions.

23 (b) JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS.—The Secretary of  
24 Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, may  
25 conduct joint research projects with NATO allies pursuant

1 to the authorities under chapter 138 of title 10, United  
2 States Code, including projects through NATO Centers of  
3 Excellence, to—

4 (1) improve NATO reconnaissance capabilities  
5 to track Russian military exercises;

6 (2) enhance NATO anti-submarine warfare ca-  
7 pabilities against Russia;

8 (3) increase the numbers of modern sensors  
9 placed on NATO aircraft, submarines, and surface  
10 ships; or

11 (4) enhance NATO capabilities to detect and  
12 deter Russian information operations.

13 **SEC. 308. UNITED STATES PERSON DEFINED.**

14 In this subtitle, the term “United States person”  
15 means—

16 (1) a United States citizen or an alien lawfully  
17 admitted for permanent residence to the United  
18 States; and

19 (2) an entity organized under the laws of the  
20 United States or of any jurisdiction within the  
21 United States, including a foreign branch of such an  
22 entity.

1 **Subtitle B—Imposition of Sanc-**  
2 **tions on Certain Russian**  
3 **Parastatal Entities**

4 **SEC. 311. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS ON CERTAIN RUS-**  
5 **SIAN PARASTATAL ENTITIES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the  
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall im-  
8 pose the sanctions described in subsection (c) with respect  
9 to not less than five entities and including any individuals  
10 associated with such entities, that—

11 (1) are identified as Russian parastatal entities  
12 in the report required by section 241(a)(2) of the  
13 Countering America’s Adversaries Through Sanc-  
14 tions Act (Public Law 115–44; 131 Stat. 922) and  
15 submitted to Congress on January 29, 2018; and

16 (2) are not currently subject to sanctions im-  
17 posed by the United States.

18 (b) CRITERIA.—In determining those entities and in-  
19 dividuals described in subsection (a) with respect to which  
20 sanctions described in subsection (c) are to be imposed,  
21 the President shall take into account the extent to which  
22 such entities and individuals meet the criteria described  
23 in subparagraphs (A) through (C) of section 241(a)(2) of  
24 the Countering America’s Adversaries Through Sanctions  
25 Act.

1       (c) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions de-  
2 scribed in this subsection are the following:

3           (1) ASSET BLOCKING.—The exercise of all pow-  
4 ers granted to the President by the International  
5 Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701  
6 et seq.) to the extent necessary to block and prohibit  
7 all transactions in all property and interests in prop-  
8 erty of a person determined by the President to be  
9 subject to subsection (b) if such property and inter-  
10 ests in property are in the United States, come with-  
11 in the United States, or are or come within the pos-  
12 session or control of a United States person.

13          (2) EXCLUSION FROM THE UNITED STATES  
14 AND REVOCATION OF VISA OR OTHER DOCUMENTA-  
15 TION.—In the case of an alien determined by the  
16 President to be subject to subsection (a) denial of a  
17 visa to, and exclusion from the United States of, the  
18 alien, and revocation in accordance with section  
19 221(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8  
20 U.S.C. 1201(i)), of any visa or other documentation  
21 of the alien.

22       (d) DEFINITION.—In subsection (c), the term  
23 “United States person” means—

1 (1) a United States citizen or an alien lawfully  
2 admitted for permanent residence to the United  
3 States; or

4 (2) an entity organized under the laws of the  
5 United States or of any jurisdiction within the  
6 United States, including a foreign branch of such an  
7 entity.

8 **Subtitle C—Punishing Continued**  
9 **Occupation of Ukraine Act**

10 **SEC. 321. SHORT TITLE.**

11 This subtitle may be cited as the “Punishing Contin-  
12 ued Occupation of Ukraine Act”.

13 **SEC. 322. FINDINGS.**

14 Congress finds the following:

15 (1) On February 27, 2014, the Russian Federa-  
16 tion unlawfully invaded Ukraine’s Crimea region and  
17 shortly thereafter intervened and occupied parts of  
18 Ukraine.

19 (2) Russia continues to flout the Minsk Agree-  
20 ment and subsequent clarifications to address the  
21 ongoing conflict in eastern Ukraine, signed in  
22 Minsk, Belarus, on February 11, 2015, by the lead-  
23 ers of Ukraine, Russia, France, and Germany, and  
24 the Minsk Protocol, which was agreed to on Sep-

1       tember 5, 2014, by directly and indirectly com-  
2       manding separatist forces in Ukraine.

3           (3) Sanctions to date have failed to alter Rus-  
4       sian President Vladimir Putin’s calculation regard-  
5       ing Crimea and eastern Ukraine.

6           (4) Russia relies on sovereign debt to finance  
7       the government. If denied access to these funds,  
8       Russia would be forced to cut spending, increase  
9       taxes, draw down its foreign exchange reserves, or  
10      seek alternative sources of financing, increasing the  
11      economic pressures facing the economy.

12   **SEC. 323. PROHIBITION AGAINST UNITED STATES RECOGNI-**  
13                           **TION OF RUSSIA’S ANNEXATION OF CRIMEA.**

14       (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the  
15   United States not to recognize the de jure or de facto sov-  
16   ereignty of the Russian Federation over Crimea, its air-  
17   space, or its territorial waters.

18       (b) PROHIBITION.—In accordance with subsection  
19   (a), no Federal department or agency may take any action  
20   or extend any assistance that recognizes or implies rec-  
21   ognition of the de jure or de facto sovereignty of the Rus-  
22   sian Federation over Crimea, its airspace, or its territorial  
23   waters.

24       (c) WAIVER.—The President may waive the prohibi-  
25   tion under subsection (a) or (b) if the President deter-

1 mines that it is vital to the national security interests of  
2 the United States to do so.

3 **SEC. 324. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO**  
4 **CERTAIN RUSSIAN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

6 (1) On February 27, 2014, the Russian Federa-  
7 tion unlawfully invaded Crimea and shortly there-  
8 after intervened and occupied parts of Ukraine.

9 (2) Russia continues to flout the Minsk Ac-  
10 cords, signed on September 5, 2014, by directly and  
11 indirectly supporting separatist forces in Ukraine.

12 (3) Sanctions to date have failed to alter Rus-  
13 sian President Vladimir Putin’s calculation regard-  
14 ing Ukraine and the Crimea.

15 (4) The Putin regime relies on several large fi-  
16 nancial institutions to implement its policies and  
17 keep the regime afloat.

18 (b) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the  
19 date of the enactment of this Act, and every 180 days  
20 thereafter for 5 years, the President shall determine  
21 whether the Russian Federation is in compliance with the  
22 Minsk Accords.

23 (c) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—If the President, pursuant to  
25 subsection (b), determines that Russia is not in com-

1       pliance with the Minsk Accords, the President shall  
2       impose the sanctions described in subsection (d)  
3       with respect to not less than three Russian financial  
4       institutions that are substantially affiliated with the  
5       Putin regime, including from among those institu-  
6       tions described in subsection (e).

7               (2) REQUIREMENT.—One of the financial insti-  
8       tutions to be sanctioned pursuant to this subsection  
9       shall include Vnesheconombank.

10       (d) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions de-  
11       scribed in this subsection are the exercise of all powers  
12       granted to the President by the International Emergency  
13       Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) to the ex-  
14       tent necessary to block and prohibit all transactions in all  
15       property and interests in property of a financial institution  
16       determined by the President to be subject to subsection  
17       (b)(1) if such property and interests in property are in  
18       the United States, come within the United States, or are  
19       or come within the possession or control of a United  
20       States person.

21       (e) RUSSIAN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DE-  
22       SCRIBED.—The financial institutions described in this  
23       subsection are the following:

24               (1) Sberbank.

25               (2) VTB Bank.

1 (3) Gazprombank.

2 (4) Bank of Moscow.

3 (5) Rosselkhozbank.

4 (6) Promsvyazbank.

5 (f) IMPLEMENTATION; PENALTIES.—

6 (1) IMPLEMENTATION.—The President may ex-  
7 ercise all authorities provided to the President under  
8 sections 203 and 205 of the International Emer-  
9 gency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and  
10 1704) to carry out subsection (c).

11 (2) PENALTIES.—A person that violates, at-  
12 tempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a  
13 violation of subsection (c) or any regulation, license,  
14 or order issued to carry out subsection (b) shall be  
15 subject to the penalties set forth in subsections (b)  
16 and (c) of section 206 of the International Emer-  
17 gency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) to the  
18 same extent as a person that commits an unlawful  
19 act described in subsection (a) of that section.

20 (g) TERMINATION.—The President may terminate  
21 the application of sanctions under subsection (c) with re-  
22 spect to a Russian financial institution if the President  
23 submits to Congress a notice of and justification for the  
24 termination.

25 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) PERSON.—The term “person” means an in-  
 2 dividual or entity.

3 (2) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term  
 4 “United States person” means—

5 (A) a United States citizen or an alien law-  
 6 fully admitted for permanent residence to the  
 7 United States; or

8 (B) an entity organized under the laws of  
 9 the United States or of any jurisdiction within  
 10 the United States, including a foreign branch of  
 11 such an entity.

## 12 **Subtitle D—General Provisions To** 13 **Bolster Alliances**

### 14 **SEC. 331. STRATEGY FOR OFFENSIVE USE OF CYBER CAPA-** 15 **BILITIES.**

16 (a) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—The President shall de-  
 17 velop a written strategy for the offensive use of cyber ca-  
 18 pabilities by departments and agencies of the Federal Gov-  
 19 ernment.

20 (b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy developed under sub-  
 21 section (a) shall include, at minimum—

22 (1) a description of enhancements that are  
 23 needed to improve the offensive cyber capabilities of  
 24 the United States and partner nations, including  
 25 NATO member states; and

1           (2) a statement of principles concerning the ap-  
2       appropriate deployment of offensive cyber capabilities.

3       (c) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—

4           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
5       after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
6       President shall submit to the congressional defense  
7       committees (as that term is defined in section  
8       101(a)(16) of title 10, United States Code) the  
9       strategy developed under subsection (a).

10          (2) FORM OF SUBMISSION.—The strategy sub-  
11       mitted under paragraph (1) may be submitted in  
12       classified form.

13   **SEC. 332. MATTERS RELATING TO NATO.**

14          (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall seek  
15       to work with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization  
16       (NATO) to carry out the following actions:

17           (1) Elevating anti-corruption as an element of  
18       NATO's Readiness Action Plan.

19           (2) Tasking the NATO Assistant Secretary  
20       General for Intelligence and Warning with moni-  
21       toring Russian influence in NATO member states.

22           (3) Prioritizing the combating of Russian influ-  
23       ence under the NATO–European Union framework.

24          (b) EU–US SUMMIT.—The Secretary of State, in co-  
25       ordination with the Secretary of the Treasury, is author-

1 ized to host a summit between the United States and the  
2 European Union on preventing undeclared, cross-border  
3 money flows invested in strategic areas or economic sec-  
4 tors of European countries.

5 **SEC. 333. COUNTERING RUSSIAN INFLUENCE AND CORRUP-**  
6 **TION FUND.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The President is authorized  
8 to establish in the Department of the Treasury a fund to  
9 be known as the Countering Russian Influence and Cor-  
10 ruption Fund (in this section referred to as the “Fund”).

11 (b) INITIAL AMOUNTS IN FUND.—The Fund shall  
12 consist of the following:

13 (1) The unobligated balances, as of the date of  
14 the enactment of this Act, of any amounts appro-  
15 priated to carry out section 7070(d) of division C of  
16 the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public  
17 Law 115–31).

18 (2) The unobligated balances, as of the date of  
19 the enactment of this Act, of any amounts otherwise  
20 available to the Secretary of State to carry out the  
21 purposes described in subsection (c).

22 (c) PURPOSES OF FUND.—Amounts in the Fund for  
23 any fiscal year are authorized to be made available to the  
24 Secretary of State for bilateral assistance for countries in  
25 Europe, Eurasia, and Central Asia to counter the fol-

1   lowing activities in such countries carried out by the Rus-  
2   sian Federation:

3           (1) Support for disinformation and propaganda.

4           (2) Interference in foreign elections.

5           (3) Efforts to undermine financial transparency  
6       and governance.

7           (4) Support for activities described in para-  
8       graphs (1) and (2) of section 64(c) of the State De-  
9       partment Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (as added  
10      by section 204 of this Act).

11          (5) Support for and strengthening of foreign  
12      programs focused on investigative journalism and  
13      independence of the media environment to expose  
14      Russian corruption.

15      (d) CIVIL SOCIETY AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.—

16   Amounts in the Fund for any fiscal year may be made  
17   available to carry out the purposes of the Fund under sub-  
18   section (c) through civil society and other organizations  
19   that seek to mitigate the expansion of Russian influence  
20   and aggression, including through public awareness cam-  
21   paigns and exchange activities.

22      (e) REPORT.—The Secretary of State shall submit to  
23   Congress a report for each fiscal year for which activities  
24   are undertaken pursuant to this section.

1 **TITLE IV—COMBATING PUTIN’S**  
2 **REPRESSION (CPR) FOR RUS-**  
3 **SIAN CIVIL SOCIETY**

4 **SEC. 401. SHORT TITLE.**

5 This title may be cited as the “CPR for Russian Civil  
6 Society Act”.

7 **SEC. 402. STRENGTHENING DIALOGUE WITH THE RUSSIAN**  
8 **PEOPLE.**

9 (a) IMPROVED VISA SCREENING PROCEDURES FOR  
10 RUSSIAN VISITORS.—Not later than 90 days after the  
11 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,  
12 in coordination with the Secretary of Homeland Security,  
13 shall conduct a study on how to streamline and simplify  
14 visa procedures for Russian students and persons involved  
15 in professional and cultural exchanges in order to reduce  
16 the overall visa processing period and facilitate people-to-  
17 people exchanges. Such study shall examine average visa  
18 wait times for successful visa applicants from Russia and  
19 overall rejection rates of Russian nationals applying for  
20 visas.

21 (b) ENHANCED SCREENING FOR PUTIN ALLIES.—In  
22 conjunction with the study undertaken pursuant to sub-  
23 section (a), the Secretary of State, in coordination with  
24 the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of

1 the Treasury, shall develop enhanced visa screening proce-  
2 dures for the following individuals:

3 (1) Persons identified as “the most significant  
4 senior foreign political figures and oligarchs in the  
5 Russian Federation”, as listed in a classified annex  
6 to a report issued on January 29, 2018, pursuant to  
7 section 241(a)(1) of the Countering America’s Ad-  
8 versaries Through Sanctions Act, but who are not  
9 already included in the list of specially designated  
10 nationals and blocked persons maintained by the Of-  
11 fice of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of  
12 the Treasury.

13 (2) Persons who are not otherwise included in  
14 the specially designated nationals list but who pro-  
15 mote Russian President Vladimir Putin’s policies of  
16 repression, as determined by the Secretary of State.

17 (3) Persons who benefit from or act as agents  
18 of Russian persons on the specially designated na-  
19 tionals list.

20 (c) IMPROVED TRACKING OF EXCHANGE PRO-  
21 GRAMS.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the en-  
22 actment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit  
23 to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-  
24 resentatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of  
25 the Senate a report on current cultural exchange and edu-

1 cational programs with Russia. Such report shall include  
2 the following:

3 (1) A list of existing programs funded by the  
4 United States Government dedicated to United  
5 States-Russia cultural and educational exchange and  
6 research, including funding levels for each program.

7 (2) Information relating to funding of the pro-  
8 grams specified in paragraph (1), including overall  
9 history of such funding since 1991, relative to fund-  
10 ing for other regions with such exchange and re-  
11 search programs.

12 (d) STRATEGIC STABILITY.—

13 (1) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the  
14 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
15 Defense, in concurrence with the Secretary of State,  
16 shall submit to Congress a report on efforts to  
17 strengthen strategic stability with Russia.

18 (2) ANNUAL MEETINGS.—The Secretary of De-  
19 fense, in concurrence with the Secretary of State,  
20 shall host an annual bilateral meeting, through  
21 2023, with Russian counterparts in order to discuss  
22 relevant issues of common interest, including main-  
23 taining strategic stability and open lines for crisis  
24 communications.

1 **SEC. 403. SUPPORT RUSSIAN CIVIL SOCIETY.**

2 (a) FIGHT PUTIN'S CENSORSHIP.—Not later than 90  
3 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
4 retary of State shall convene a meeting of senior leaders  
5 of United States technology companies that sell, license,  
6 or otherwise facilitate the installation of tools that allow  
7 the Government of Russia to censor, harass, or suppress  
8 the activities of civil society activists. Such meeting shall  
9 focus on developing a common code of conduct to restrain  
10 United States companies aiding and abetting the Govern-  
11 ment of Russia's efforts to suppress Russian civil society,  
12 fundamental freedoms in Russia, and efforts to expose  
13 corruption on the part of the Government of Russia.

14 (b) INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING OPERATIONS  
15 FUND.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts oth-  
17 erwise authorized to be appropriated for the Broad-  
18 casting Board of Governors' International Broad-  
19 casting Operations Fund, there is authorized to be  
20 appropriated \$10,000,000 to expand Russian lan-  
21 guage programming and to provide for the dissemi-  
22 nation of accurate and independent information to  
23 the Russian people through online media, radio, tele-  
24 vision, cellular telephone, short message service, and  
25 other communications. The Broadcasting Board of  
26 Governors shall identify those countries that serve as

1 Russian vacation destinations and further target  
2 United States international broadcasting and pro-  
3 gramming activities towards such countries.

4 (2) USE OF AMOUNTS.—To achieve the objec-  
5 tives described in paragraph (1), amounts in the  
6 International Broadcasting Operations Fund re-  
7 ferred to in such subparagraph may be used to de-  
8 velop—

9 (A) additional transmission capability for  
10 Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, including  
11 through additional shortwave and medium wave  
12 transmissions, satellite, and Internet mecha-  
13 nisms;

14 (B) additional proxy server capability and  
15 anti-censorship technologies to counter efforts  
16 by the Government of Russia to censor political  
17 and civil society activities, such as blocking of  
18 the Telegram app, and investigations into cor-  
19 ruption on the part of the Government of Rus-  
20 sia;

21 (C) technologies to counter efforts to block  
22 SMS text message exchange over cellular phone  
23 networks; and

24 (D) additional digital programs and oper-  
25 ations for Voice of America in Russia.

1           (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO EXPANDED  
2       BROADCASTING IN COUNTRIES OF THE FORMER SO-  
3       VIET UNION.—Paragraph (1) of section 8(e) of the  
4       Ukraine Freedom Support Act of 2014 (22 U.S.C.  
5       8927(e); Public Law 118–272) is amended by strik-  
6       ing “2018” and inserting “2020”.

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