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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 16, 2022

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

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Make Border Security
5 a Priority Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO EXPEND EQUAL AMOUNT ON**
2 **BORDER SECURITY AS ON UKRAINE SECU-**
3 **RITY ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE.**

4 During fiscal years 2022 and 2023, the Secretary of
5 Homeland Security shall expend on efforts to enhance se-
6 curity along the southern land border of the United States
7 an amount that is equal to the amount appropriated to
8 the Secretary of Defense for the Ukraine Security Assist-
9 ance Initiative for that fiscal year.

10 **SEC. 3. CONFISCATION OF ASSETS OF RUSSIAN PERSONS**
11 **SUBJECT TO SANCTIONS; USE OF FUNDS FOR**
12 **BORDER SECURITY.**

13 (a) CONFISCATION.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President—

15 (A) may confiscate and vest, through in-
16 structions or licenses or in such other manner
17 as the President determines appropriate, prop-
18 erty described in paragraph (2);

19 (B) may liquidate or sell any of such prop-
20 erty; and

21 (C) shall deposit any funds confiscated and
22 vested under subparagraph (A) and any funds
23 resulting from the liquidation or sale of prop-
24 erty under subparagraph (B) in the account es-
25 tablished under subsection (b).

1 (2) PROPERTY DESCRIBED.—Property de-
2 scribed in this paragraph is funds and other prop-
3 erty (including cryptocurrency)—

4 (A) of Russian persons subject to sanctions
5 imposed by the United States; and

6 (B) subject to the jurisdiction of the
7 United States.

8 (3) VESTING.—All right, title, and interest in
9 funds and other property confiscated under para-
10 graph (1) shall vest in the Government of the United
11 States.

12 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR CON-
13 FISCATED PROPERTY.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall establish
15 a non-interest-bearing account to consist of the
16 funds deposited into the account under subsection
17 (a)(1)(C).

18 (2) USE OF FUNDS.—The funds in the account
19 established under paragraph (1) shall be available,
20 without further appropriation, to the Secretary of
21 Homeland Security for physical infrastructure and
22 equipment for U.S. Customs and Border Protection
23 to enhance security along the southern land border
24 of the United States as required by section 2.

1 (c) RUSSIAN PERSON DEFINED.—In this section, the
2 term “Russian person” means—

3 (1) an individual who is a citizen or national of
4 the Russian Federation; or

5 (2) an entity organized under the laws of the
6 Russian Federation.

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