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

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Mrs. MILLER (for herself and Mr. MCKINLEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Energy Security Co-
5 operation with Allied Partners in Europe Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

7 It is the policy of the United States—

8 (1) to reduce the dependency of allies and part-
9 ners of the United States on Russian energy re-

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

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

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

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

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

22 (6) to support countries that are allies or part-
23 ners of the United States by expediting the export
24 of energy resources from the United States.

1 **SEC. 3. NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION.**

2 The President should direct the United States Per-
3 manent Representative on the Council of the North Atlan-
4 tic Treaty Organization (in this Act referred to as
5 “NATO”) to use the voice and influence of the United
6 States to encourage NATO member countries to work to-
7 gether to achieve energy security for those countries and
8 countries in Europe and Eurasia that are partners of
9 NATO.

10 **SEC. 4. TRANSATLANTIC ENERGY STRATEGY.**

11 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
12 gress that the United States and other NATO member
13 countries should explore ways to ensure that NATO mem-
14 ber countries diversify their energy supplies and routes in
15 order to enhance their energy security, including through
16 the development of a transatlantic energy strategy.

17 (b) TRANSATLANTIC ENERGY STRATEGY.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
19 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
20 retary of State, in coordination with the Adminis-
21 trator of the United States Agency for International
22 Development and the Secretary of Energy, shall sub-
23 mit to the appropriate congressional committees a
24 transatlantic energy strategy for the United
25 States—

1 (A) to enhance the energy security of
 2 NATO member countries and countries that are
 3 partners of NATO; and

4 (B) to increase exports of energy, energy
 5 technologies, and energy development services
 6 from the United States to such countries.

7 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
 8 TEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “ap-
 9 propriate congressional committees” means—

10 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
 11 the Senate; and

12 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
 13 the House of Representatives.

14 **SEC. 5. EXPEDITED APPROVAL OF EXPORTATION OF NAT-**
 15 **URAL GAS TO UNITED STATES ALLIES.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3(c) of the Natural Gas
 17 Act (15 U.S.C. 717b(c)) is amended—

18 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “For purposes”;

19 (2) by striking “nation with which there is in
 20 effect a free trade agreement requiring national
 21 treatment for trade in natural gas” and inserting
 22 “foreign country described in paragraph (2)”; and

23 (3) by adding at the end the following:

24 “(2) A foreign country described in this para-
 25 graph is—

1 “(A) a nation with which there is in effect
2 a free trade agreement requiring national treat-
3 ment for trade in natural gas;

4 “(B) a member country of the North At-
5 lantic Treaty Organization;

6 “(C) subject to paragraph (3), Japan; and

7 “(D) any other foreign country if the Sec-
8 retary of Energy, in consultation with the Sec-
9 retary of State and Secretary of Defense, deter-
10 mines that exportation of natural gas to that
11 foreign country would promote the national se-
12 curity interests of the United States.

13 “(3) The exportation of natural gas to Japan
14 shall be deemed to be consistent with the public in-
15 terest pursuant to paragraph (1), and applications
16 for such exportation shall be granted without modi-
17 fication or delay under that paragraph, during only
18 such period as the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation
19 and Security, signed at Washington January 19,
20 1960, and entered into force June 23, 1960 (11
21 UST 1632; TIAS 4509), between the United States
22 and Japan, remains in effect.”.

23 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
24 this section shall apply with respect to applications for the
25 authorization to export natural gas under section 3 of the

- 1 Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b) that are pending on,
- 2 or filed on or after, the date of the enactment of this Act.

