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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. TILLIS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

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

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

3 **SECTION 1. LIMITATION ON TRANSFER OF F-35 AIRCRAFT**
4 **TO TURKEY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under sub-
6 section (b), no funds may be obligated or expended—

7 (1) to transfer, facilitate the transfer, or au-
8 thorize the transfer of, an F–35 aircraft to Turkey;
9 or

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

4 (b) EXCEPTION.—The President may waive the limi-
5 tation under subsection (a) upon a written certification to
6 Congress that the Government of Turkey is not—

7 (1) taking steps to degrade NATO interoper-
8 ability;

9 (2) exposing NATO assets to hostile actors;

10 (3) degrading the general security of NATO
11 member countries;

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

15 (5) wrongfully or unlawfully detaining one or
16 more United States citizens.

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