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To provide for the imposition of sanctions on members of parliament of the Russian Federation who voted on February 15, 2022, in favor of the appeal to President Vladimir Putin to recognize the regions of Donetsk and Luhansk in southeastern Ukraine as one or more independent states.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 25, 2022

Mr. Keating (for himself, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Vargas, Ms. Tenney, Mr. Costa, Mr. Lieu, Mr. Cicilline, Ms. Malliotakis, Mr. Deutch, Mr. Connolly, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Meijer, Mrs. Wagner, Mr. Wilson of South Carolina, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Meuser, Ms. Spanberger, Ms. Manning, Mrs. Miller-Meeks, Mr. Schneider, Mr. Chabot, Ms. Titus, and Mr. Levin of Michigan) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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 provide for the imposition of sanctions on members of parliament of the Russian Federation who voted on February 15, 2022, in favor of the appeal to President Vladimir Putin to recognize the regions of Donetsk and Luhansk in southeastern Ukraine as one or more independent states.

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

1	SECTION 1. SANCTIONS ON MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT OF
2	THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION WHO VOTED ON
3	FEBRUARY 15, 2022, IN FAVOR OF THE AP-
4	PEAL TO PRESIDENT VLADIMIR PUTIN TO
5	RECOGNIZE THE REGIONS OF DONETSK AND
6	LUHANSK IN SOUTHEASTERN UKRAINE AS
7	ONE OR MORE INDEPENDENT STATES.
8	(a) In General.—As a result of the decision of the
9	Government of the Russian Federation to recognize the
10	regions of Donetsk and Luhansk in southeastern Ukraine
11	as one or more independent states on February 21, 2022,
12	the President is authorized to impose sanctions described
13	in subsection (b) with respect to any member of the par-
14	liament of the Russian Federation who voted on February
15	15, 2022, in favor of the appeal to President Vladimir
16	Putin to recognize the regions of Donetsk and Luhansk
17	in southeastern Ukraine as one or more independent
18	states.
19	(b) Sanctions Described.—
20	(1) In general.—The sanctions described in
21	this subsection are the following:
22	(A) Asset blocking.—The exercise of all
23	powers granted to the President by the Inter-
24	national Emergency Economic Powers Act (50
25	U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) to the extent necessary to
26	block and prohibit all transactions in all prop-

1	erty and interests in property of a person deter-
2	mined by the President to be subject to sub-
3	section (a) if such property and interests in
4	property are in the United States, come within
5	the United States, or are or come within the
6	possession or control of a United States person.
7	(B) Inadmissibility of certain indi-
8	VIDUALS.—
9	(i) Ineligibility for visas, admis-
10	SION, OR PAROLE.—A person determined
11	by the President to be subject to sub-
12	section (a) is—
13	(I) inadmissible to the United
14	States;
15	(II) ineligible to receive a visa or
16	other documentation to enter the
17	United States; and
18	(III) otherwise ineligible to be
19	admitted or paroled into the United
20	States or to receive any other benefit
21	under the Immigration and Nation-
22	ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).
23	(ii) Current visas revoked.—A
24	foreign person described in clause (i) is
25	also subject to the following:

1	(I) Revocation of any visa or
2	other entry documentation regardless
3	of when the visa or other entry docu-
4	mentation is or was issued.
5	(II) A revocation under subclause
6	(I) shall take effect immediately and
7	automatically cancel any other valid
8	visa or entry documentation that is in
9	the foreign person's possession.
10	(C) United States Person.—In sub-
11	paragraph (A), the term "United States per-
12	son' means—
13	(i) a United States citizen or an alien
14	lawfully admitted for permanent residence
15	to the United States; or
16	(ii) an entity organized under the laws
17	of the United States or of any jurisdiction
18	within the United States, including a for-
19	eign branch of such an entity.
20	(2) Penalties.—A person that violates, at-
21	tempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a
22	violation of paragraph (1)(A) or any regulation, li-
23	cense, or order issued to carry out paragraph (1)(A)
24	shall be subject to the penalties set forth in sub-
25	sections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the Inter-

national Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) to the same extent as a person that commits an unlawful act described in subsection (a) of that section.

(3) Exceptions.—

- (A) EXCEPTION FOR INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES.—Sanctions under this section shall not apply to any activity subject to the reporting requirements under title V of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3091 et seq.) or any authorized intelligence activities of the United States.
- (B) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS AND FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES.—Sanctions under paragraph (1)(B) shall not apply to an alien if admitting the alien into the United States is necessary—
 - (i) to permit the United States to comply with the Agreement regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations, signed at Lake Success June 26, 1947, and entered into force November 21, 1947, between the United Nations and the

1	United States, or other applicable inter-
2	national obligations; or
3	(ii) to carry out or assist law enforce-
4	ment activities in the United States.
5	(C) Exception relating to the impor-
6	TATION OF GOODS.—
7	(i) In general.—The requirement to
8	block and prohibit all transactions in all
9	property and interests in property under
10	paragraph (1)(A) shall not include the au-
11	thority to impose sanctions on the importa-
12	tion of goods.
13	(ii) Good defined.—In this para-
14	graph, the term "good" means any article,
15	natural or man-made substance, material,
16	supply or manufactured product, including
17	inspection and test equipment, and exclud-
18	ing technical data.
19	(c) Waiver.—The President may waive the applica-
20	tion of sanctions under subsection (b) with respect to a
21	person if the President—
22	(1) determines that such a waiver is in the na-
23	tional security interests of the United States; and
24	(2) on or before the date on which the waiver
25	takes effect, submits to the Committee on Foreign

- 1 Relations and the Committee on Banking, Housing,
- 2 and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee
- 3 on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Financial
- 4 Services of the House of Representatives a notice of
- 5 and a justification for the waiver.
- 6 (d) Regulatory Authority.—The President shall
- 7 issue such regulations, licenses, and orders as are nec-
- 8 essary to carry out this section.

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