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To establish a program to reduce the reliance of allied European countries on natural gas, petroleum, and nuclear fuel produced in Russia, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SLOTKIN (for herself and Mrs. FLETCHER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 establish a program to reduce the reliance of allied European countries on natural gas, petroleum, and nuclear fuel produced in Russia, 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 “American Energy for
5 Europe Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROGRAM TO REDUCE EUROPEAN RELIANCE ON**
2 **RUSSIAN ENERGY.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Energy
4 shall establish and carry out a program to reduce the reli-
5 ance of allied European countries on natural gas, petro-
6 leum, and nuclear fuel produced in Russia by—

7 (1) developing, producing, or procuring re-
8 sources, materials, or equipment that can reduce an
9 allied European country's reliance on natural gas,
10 petroleum, or nuclear fuel produced in Russia;

11 (2) providing to an allied European country,
12 under such terms and conditions as the Secretary of
13 Energy determines appropriate, resources, materials,
14 or equipment that can reduce the allied European
15 country's reliance on natural gas, petroleum, or nu-
16 clear fuel produced in Russia;

17 (3) issuing grants, loans, or loan guarantees to
18 carry out projects that can reduce an allied Euro-
19 pean country's reliance on natural gas, petroleum, or
20 nuclear fuel produced in Russia; and

21 (4) providing technical assistance to an allied
22 European country, as the Secretary of Energy deter-
23 mines necessary to reduce the allied European coun-
24 try's reliance on natural gas, petroleum, or nuclear
25 fuel produced in Russia.

1 (b) PARTNERSHIPS.—The Secretary of Energy may
2 partner with other Federal agencies to carry out the pro-
3 gram established under subsection (a).

4 (c) AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS.—In
5 carrying out the program established under subsection (a),
6 the Secretary of Energy may enter into one or more agree-
7 ments directly with allied European countries and third
8 parties under such terms and conditions as the Secretary
9 determines appropriate.

10 (d) DOMESTIC SOURCING CONSIDERATIONS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
12 graph (2), the Secretary of Energy may only carry
13 out an activity described in paragraph (1), (2), or
14 (3) of subsection (a) if—

15 (A) such activity promotes manufacturing
16 in the United States; or

17 (B) such activity relies on resources, mate-
18 rials, or equipment that are developed or pro-
19 duced in the United States.

20 (2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) of this sub-
21 section shall not apply with respect to an activity de-
22 scribed in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of subsection
23 (a) if the Secretary of Energy certifies that such an
24 activity cannot reasonably satisfy subparagraph (A)
25 or (B) of paragraph (1) of this subsection.

1 (e) REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days after the date
2 of enactment of this section, and annually thereafter, the
3 Secretary of Energy shall submit to the Committee on En-
4 ergy and Commerce and the Committee on Foreign Affairs
5 of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on
6 Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee on
7 Foreign Relations of the Senate, a report that—

8 (1) identifies any resources, materials, or equip-
9 ment developed, produced, procured, or provided
10 pursuant to the program established under sub-
11 section (a); and

12 (2) includes an analysis of how such program
13 benefits domestic energy suppliers and manufactur-
14 ers.

15 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
17 appropriated to the Secretary of Energy to carry out
18 this section \$500,000,000 for fiscal year 2022, to re-
19 main available until September 30, 2024.

20 (2) NORD STREAM 2 PIPELINE DISCONTINU-
21 ATION.—

22 (A) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
23 TION.—In addition to the amount authorized to
24 be appropriated under paragraph (1), there is
25 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary

of Energy to carry out this section \$1,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2022, to remain available until September 30, 2024.

(B) CONDITIONS.—Amounts appropriated pursuant to subparagraph (A) may only be expended if the Secretary of Energy certifies to Congress that the planning, construction, and operation of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline has been permanently discontinued, including as a result of United States sanctions imposed on any person or entity responsible for such planning, construction, or operation.

SEC. 3. DOMESTIC ENERGY SECURITY EVALUATION.

(a) REPORT ON DOMESTIC ENERGY SECURITY.—Not later than one year after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary of Energy shall develop and submit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a report that evaluates the energy security of the United States, including—

(1) identification of any threats posed to the supply, transmission, distribution, or use of energy in the United States; and

(2) the potential impact of such threats on—

(A) the economy of the United States; and

1 (B) consumers and well-functioning and
2 competitive energy markets in the United
3 States.

4 (b) CONSULTATION.—In developing the report under
5 subsection (a), the Secretary of Energy may consult with
6 relevant Federal, State, private sector, and other entities,
7 as the Secretary determines appropriate.

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