

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To promote energy security in Ukraine.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—115th Cong., 1st Sess.**

**(no.)** \_\_\_\_\_

To counter the influence of the Russian Federation in Europe and Eurasia, and for other purposes.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. BARRASSO

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1        Insert after section 6 the following new section:

2    **SEC. 7. UKRANIAN ENERGY SECURITY.**

3        (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the  
4 United States—

5            (1) to support the Government of Ukraine in  
6 restoring its sovereign and territorial integrity;

7            (2) to condemn and oppose all of the desta-  
8 bilizing efforts by the Government of the Russian  
9 Federation in Ukraine in violation of its obligations  
10 and international commitments;

11            (3) to never recognize the illegal annexation of  
12 Crimea by the Government of the Russian Federa-

1           tion or the separation of any portion of Ukrainian  
2           territory through the use of military force;

3           (4) to deter the Government of the Russian  
4           Federation from further destabilizing and invading  
5           Ukraine and other independent countries in Central  
6           and Eastern Europe and the Caucasus;

7           (5) to assist in promoting reform in regulatory  
8           oversight and operations in Ukraine's energy sector,  
9           including the establishment and empowerment of an  
10          independent regulatory organization;

11          (6) to encourage and support fair competition,  
12          market liberalization, and reliability in Ukraine's en-  
13          ergy sector;

14          (7) to help Ukraine and United States allies  
15          and partners in Europe reduce their dependence on  
16          Russian energy resources, especially natural gas,  
17          which the Government of the Russian Federation  
18          uses as a weapon to coerce, intimidate, and influence  
19          other countries;

20          (8) to work with European Union member  
21          states and European Union institutions to promote  
22          energy security through developing diversified and  
23          liberalized energy markets that provide diversified  
24          sources, suppliers, and routes;

1           (9) to continue to oppose the NordStream 2  
2 pipeline given its detrimental impacts on the Euro-  
3 pean Union's energy security, gas market develop-  
4 ment in Central and Eastern Europe, and energy re-  
5 forms in Ukraine; and

6           (10) that the United States Government should  
7 expedite the export of United States energy re-  
8 sources, especially liquefied natural gas, in order to  
9 create American jobs, help United States allies and  
10 partners, and strengthen United States foreign pol-  
11 icy.

12       (b) PLAN TO PROMOTE ENERGY SECURITY IN  
13 UKRAINE.—

14           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in  
15 coordination with the Administrator of the United  
16 States Agency for International Development and  
17 the Secretary of Energy, shall work with the Govern-  
18 ment of Ukraine to develop a plan to increase energy  
19 security in Ukraine, increase the amount of energy  
20 produced in Ukraine, and reduce Ukraine's reliance  
21 on energy imports from the Russian Federation.

22           (2) ELEMENTS.—The plan developed under  
23 paragraph (1) shall include strategies for market lib-  
24 eralization, effective regulation and oversight, supply

1 diversification, energy reliability, and energy effi-  
2 ciency, such as through supporting—

3 (A) the promotion of advanced technology  
4 and modern operating practices in Ukraine's oil  
5 and gas sector;

6 (B) modern geophysical survey work fol-  
7 lowed by international tenders to help attract  
8 qualified investment into exploration and devel-  
9 opment of areas with untapped resources in  
10 Ukraine;

11 (C) a broadening of Ukraine's electric  
12 power transmission interconnection with Eu-  
13 rope;

14 (D) the strengthening of Ukraine's capa-  
15 bility to maintain electric power grid stability  
16 and reliability;

17 (E) independent regulatory oversight and  
18 operations of Ukraine's gas market and elec-  
19 tricity sector;

20 (F) the implementation of primary gas law  
21 including pricing, tariff structure, and legal reg-  
22 ulatory implementation;

23 (G) privatization of government owned en-  
24 ergy companies through credible legal frame-

1 works and a transparent process compliant with  
2 international best practices;

3 (H) procurement and transport of emer-  
4 gency fuel supplies, including reverse pipeline  
5 flows from Europe;

6 (I) provision of technical assistance for cri-  
7 sis planning, crisis response, and public out-  
8 reach;

9 (J) repair of infrastructure to enable the  
10 transport of fuel supplies; and

11 (K) repair of power generating or power  
12 transmission equipment or facilities.

13 (3) REPORTS.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180  
15 days after the date of the enactment of this  
16 Act, and every 180 days thereafter, the Sec-  
17 retary of State shall submit to the appropriate  
18 congressional committees a report detailing the  
19 plan developed under paragraph (1), the level of  
20 funding that has been allocated to and ex-  
21 pended for the strategies set forth in paragraph  
22 (2), and progress that has been made in imple-  
23 menting the strategies.

24 (B) BRIEFINGS.—The Secretary of State,  
25 or a designee of the Secretary, shall brief the

1           appropriate congressional committees not later  
2           than 30 days after the submission of each re-  
3           port under subparagraph (A). In addition, the  
4           Department of State shall make relevant offi-  
5           cials available upon request to brief the appro-  
6           priate congressional committees on all available  
7           information that relates directly or indirectly to  
8           Ukraine or energy security in Eastern Europe.

9           (C) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COM-  
10          MITTEES DEFINED.—In this paragraph, the  
11          term “appropriate congressional committees”  
12          means—

13                   (i) the Committee on Foreign Rela-  
14                   tions and the Committee on Appropriations  
15                   of the Senate; and

16                   (ii) the Committee on Foreign Affairs  
17                   and the Committee on Appropriations of  
18                   the House of Representatives.

19          (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
20          authorized to be appropriated for the Department of State  
21          a total of \$30,000,000 for fiscal years 2018 through 2020  
22          to carry out the strategies set forth in subsection (b)(2)  
23          and other activities under this section related to the pro-  
24          motion of energy security in Ukraine.