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To restrict the provision by international financial institutions of loans and financial and technical assistance to the Government of Turkey, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CORKEE (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. NELSON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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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 "Turkey International  
5 Financial Institutions Act".

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) In accordance with section 701 of the Inter-  
9 national Financial Institutions Act (22 U.S.C.

1 262d), it is the policy of the United States Govern-  
2 ment that the voice and vote of the United States  
3 in international financial institutions “shall advance  
4 the cause of human rights, including by seeking to  
5 channel assistance towards countries other than  
6 those whose governments engage in . . . a pattern  
7 of gross violations of internationally recognized  
8 human rights, such as torture or cruel, inhumane, or  
9 degrading treatment or punishment, prolonged de-  
10 tention without charges, or other flagrant denial to  
11 life, liberty, and the security of person”.

12 (2) International and civil society organizations  
13 have documented significant human rights abuses by  
14 the Government of Turkey since the failed coup at-  
15 tempt in July 2016.

16 (3) The 2017 Country Report on Human  
17 Rights Practices of the Department of State for  
18 Turkey highlights significant human rights issues in  
19 Turkey, including the “arbitrary arrest and deten-  
20 tion under the state of emergency of tens of thou-  
21 sands, including members of parliament and two  
22 Turkish-national employees of the U.S. Mission to  
23 Turkey”.

24 (4) United States citizens continue to be sub-  
25 jected to unacceptable harassment and human rights

1 violations by the Government of Turkey, including  
2 prolonged detention on unsubstantiated, politically  
3 motivated allegations, and arbitrary restrictions on  
4 freedom of movement.

5 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

6 It is the policy of the United States—

7 (1) to oppose any effort by a foreign govern-  
8 ment to detain United States citizens for political le-  
9 verage; and

10 (2) to contest the pattern of the Government of  
11 Turkey of arbitrary detention of and denial of free-  
12 dom of movement to United States citizens (includ-  
13 ing dual citizens) and locally employed staff of the  
14 United States mission to Turkey.

15 **SEC. 4. RESTRICTIONS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL FI-**  
16 **NANCIAL INSTITUTION ASSISTANCE TO THE**  
17 **GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY.**

18 (a) RESTRICTIONS.—The Secretary of the Treasury  
19 shall—

20 (1) instruct the United States Executive Direc-  
21 tor of the World Bank Group to use the voice and  
22 vote of the United States to oppose the extension by  
23 the International Finance Corporation of any loan or  
24 financial or technical assistance to the Government  
25 of Turkey or to any entity for a project in Turkey;

1           (2) instruct the United States Executive Direc-  
2           tor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and  
3           Development to use the voice and vote of the United  
4           States to oppose the extension by the Bank of any  
5           loan or financial or technical assistance to the Gov-  
6           ernment of Turkey or to any entity for a project in  
7           Turkey; and

8           (3) instruct the United States Executive Direc-  
9           tor of all other international financial institutions,  
10          including the International Monetary Fund, to work  
11          with other key donor countries to develop a coherent  
12          policy approach to future engagements with and  
13          lending to the Government of Turkey, in a manner  
14          that will advance human rights, including the full  
15          restoration of the rights guaranteed to the people of  
16          Turkey through that Government's commitments as  
17          a signatory of the International Covenant on Civil  
18          and Political Rights.

19          (b) EXCEPTION FOR HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES.—  
20          The restrictions under paragraphs (1) and (2) of sub-  
21          section (a) shall not apply with respect to loans or finan-  
22          cial or technical assistance provided for humanitarian pur-  
23          poses.

24          (c) WAIVER FOR ENERGY DIVERSIFICATION  
25          PROJECTS.—The Secretary of the Treasury may waive the

1 application of the restriction under subsection (a)(1) only  
2 if the Secretary submits to the appropriate congressional  
3 committees a written determination that the waiver will  
4 be used to support projects to diversify energy resources  
5 in Turkey and to lessen the dependence of Turkey on oil  
6 or gas from the Russian Federation or the Islamic Repub-  
7 lic of Iran.

8 (d) TERMINATION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply on  
9 or after the date that is 30 days after the President deter-  
10 mines and certifies to the appropriate congressional com-  
11 mittees that the Government of Turkey is no longer arbi-  
12 trarily detaining or denying freedom of movement to  
13 United States citizens (including dual citizens) or locally  
14 employed staff members of the United States mission to  
15 Turkey.

16 (e) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the  
17 date of the enactment of this Act, and every 180 days  
18 thereafter until the restrictions in subsection (a) are ter-  
19 minated pursuant to subsection (d), the Secretary of the  
20 Treasury, in conjunction with the Secretary of State, shall  
21 brief the appropriate congressional committees on—

22 (1) the efforts of the United States Executive  
23 Directors of the international financial institutions  
24 under subsection (a); and

1           (2) the status of all United States citizens (in-  
2       cluding dual citizens) and locally employed staff  
3       members of the United States mission to Turkey ar-  
4       bitrarily detained or denied freedom of movement by  
5       the Government of Turkey, as appropriate.

6 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

7       In this Act:

8           (1) **APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-**  
9       **TEES.**—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
10      mittees” means—

11           (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations  
12           and the Committee on Appropriations of the  
13           Senate; and

14           (B) the Committee on Financial Services  
15           and the Committee on Appropriations of the  
16           House of Representatives.

17           (2) **DUAL CITIZEN.**—The term “dual citizen”  
18      means an individual who is a citizen of the United  
19      States and another country.

20           (3) **INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITU-**  
21       **TION.**—The term “international finance institution”  
22      means the International Monetary Fund, the Inter-  
23      national Bank for Reconstruction and Development,  
24      the European Bank for Reconstruction and Develop-  
25      ment, the International Development Association,

1 the International Finance Corporation, the Multilat-  
2 eral Investment Guarantee Agency, the African De-  
3 velopment Bank, the African Development Fund, the  
4 Asian Development Bank, the Inter-American Devel-  
5 opment Bank, the Bank for Economic Cooperation  
6 and Development in the Middle East and North Af-  
7 rica, and the Inter-American Investment Corpora-  
8 tion.