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

Purpose: To express the sense of Congress regarding its support for the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity, and inviolability of post-Soviet countries in light of Russian aggression and interference.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—114th Cong., 1st Sess.**

**S.** \_\_\_\_\_

To authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2016, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mrs. SHAHEEN

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . SUPPORT FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPEND-**

3 **ENCE, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AND INVIO-**

4 **LABILITY OF POST-SOVIET COUNTRIES IN**

5 **LIGHT OF RUSSIAN AGGRESSION AND INTER-**

6 **ERENCE.**

7 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-

8 gress that Congress—

9 (1) supports the sovereignty, independence, ter-

10 ritorial integrity, and inviolability of post-Soviet

1 countries within their internationally recognized bor-  
2 ders;

3 (2) expresses deep concern over increasingly ag-  
4 gressive actions by the Russian Federation;

5 (3) is committed to providing sufficient funding  
6 for the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs of  
7 the Department of State to address subversive and  
8 destabilizing activities by the Russian Federation  
9 within post-Soviet countries;

10 (4) supports robust engagement between the  
11 United States and post-Soviet countries through—

12 (A) the promotion of strengthened people-  
13 to-people ties, including through educational  
14 and cultural exchange programs;

15 (B) anti-corruption assistance;

16 (C) public diplomacy;

17 (D) economic diplomacy; and

18 (E) other democratic reform efforts;

19 (5) encourages the President to further enhance  
20 non-defense cooperation and diplomatic engagement  
21 with post-Soviet countries;

22 (6) condemns the subversive and destabilizing  
23 activities undertaken by the Russian Federation  
24 within post-Soviet countries;

1           (7) encourages enhanced cooperation between  
2 the United States and the European Union to pro-  
3 mote greater Euro-Atlantic integration, including  
4 through—

5           (A) the enlargement of the European  
6 Union; and

7           (B) the Open Door policy of the North At-  
8 lantic Treaty Organization;

9           (8) urges continued cooperation between the  
10 United States and the European Union to maintain  
11 sanctions against the Russian Federation until the  
12 Government of Russia has—

13           (A) fully implemented all provisions of the  
14 Minsk agreements, done at Minsk September 5,  
15 2014 and February 12, 2015; and

16           (B) demonstrated respect for the territorial  
17 sovereignty of Ukraine;

18           (9) calls on the member states of the European  
19 Union to extend the current sanctions regime  
20 against the Russian Federation; and

21           (10) urges the consideration of additional sanc-  
22 tions if the Russian Federation continue to engage  
23 in subversive and destabilizing activities within post-  
24 Soviet countries.

1           (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
2 are authorized to be appropriated to the Bureau of Euro-  
3 pean and Eurasian Affairs of the Department such sums  
4 as may be necessary to adequately address subversive and  
5 destabilizing activities by the Russian Federation within  
6 post-Soviet countries.