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To deter foreign interference in United States elections, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself and Mr. RUBIO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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## A BILL

To deter foreign interference in United States elections, 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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “Defending Elections from Threats by Establishing Red-  
6 lines Act of 2019”.

7 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for  
8 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.  
Sec. 2. Definitions.

TITLE I—DETERMINATION OF FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN  
UNITED STATES ELECTIONS

- Sec. 101. Determination of foreign interference in United States elections.  
Sec. 102. Updated report on oligarchs and parastatal entities of the Russian Federation.

TITLE II—DETECTING INTERFERENCE IN UNITED STATES  
ELECTIONS BY THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

- Sec. 201. Report on estimated net worth of President Vladimir Putin and other senior foreign political figures of the Russian Federation.  
Sec. 202. Imposition of sanctions.  
Sec. 203. Congressional review of waiver, suspension, and termination of sanctions.  
Sec. 204. Sense of Congress on strategy on coordination with European Union.

TITLE III—DETECTING INTERFERENCE IN UNITED STATES  
ELECTIONS BY OTHER FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

- Sec. 301. Briefing on interference in United States elections.  
Sec. 302. Sense of Congress on deterrence strategies for interference in United States elections by foreign governments of concern.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) ACCOUNT; CORRESPONDENT ACCOUNT; PAY-  
4 ABLE-THROUGH ACCOUNT.—The terms “account”,  
5 “correspondent account”, and “payable-through ac-  
6 count” have the meanings given those terms in sec-  
7 tion 5318A of title 31, United States Code.

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

11 (A) the Committee on Banking, Housing,  
12 and Urban Affairs, the Committee on Foreign  
13 Relations, the Committee on Finance, the Se-  
14 lect Committee on Intelligence, and the Com-

1           committee on Rules and Administration of the Sen-  
2           ate; and

3                   (B) the Committee on Financial Services,  
4           the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Com-  
5           mittee on Ways and Means, the Permanent Se-  
6           lect Committee on Intelligence, and the Com-  
7           mittee on House Administration of the House  
8           of Representatives.

9           (3) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
10          TEES AND LEADERSHIP.—The term “appropriate  
11          congressional committees and leadership” means—

12                   (A) the appropriate congressional commit-  
13          tees;

14                   (B) the majority leader and minority lead-  
15          er of the Senate; and

16                   (C) the Speaker, the majority leader, and  
17          the minority leader of the House of Representa-  
18          tives.

19           (4) ELECTION AND CAMPAIGN INFRASTRUC-  
20          TURE.—The term “election and campaign infra-  
21          structure” means information and communications  
22          technology and systems used by or on behalf of—

23                   (A) the Federal Government or a State or  
24          local government in managing the election proc-  
25          ess, including voter registration databases, vot-

1 ing machines, voting tabulation equipment,  
2 equipment for the secure transmission of elec-  
3 tion results, and other systems; or

4 (B) a principal campaign committee or na-  
5 tional committee (as those terms are defined in  
6 section 301 of the Federal Election Campaign  
7 Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30101)) with respect to  
8 strategy or tactics affecting the conduct of a  
9 political campaign, including electronic commu-  
10 nications, and the information stored on, proc-  
11 essed by, or transiting such technology and sys-  
12 tems.

13 (5) FEDERAL ELECTION CYCLE.—The term  
14 “Federal election cycle” means the period beginning  
15 on the day after the date of the most recent election  
16 for members of the House of Representatives and  
17 ending on the date of the next election for members  
18 of the House of Representatives.

19 (6) FOREIGN PERSON.—The term “foreign per-  
20 son” means a person that is not a United States  
21 person.

22 (7) GOOD.—The term “good” means any arti-  
23 cle, natural or manmade substance, material, supply  
24 or manufactured product, including inspection and  
25 test equipment, and excluding technical data.

1           (8) INTERFERENCE IN UNITED STATES ELEC-  
2           TIONS.—

3           (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
4           subparagraph (B), the term “interference”,  
5           with respect to a United States election, means  
6           any of the following actions of the government  
7           of a foreign country, or any person acting as an  
8           agent of or on behalf of such a government, un-  
9           dertaken with the intent to influence the elec-  
10          tion:

11                   (i) Obtaining unauthorized access to  
12                   election and campaign infrastructure or re-  
13                   lated systems or data and releasing such  
14                   data or modifying such infrastructure, sys-  
15                   tems, or data.

16                   (ii) Unlawfully blocking or degrading  
17                   otherwise legitimate and authorized access  
18                   to election and campaign infrastructure or  
19                   related systems or data.

20                   (iii) Significant unlawful contributions  
21                   or expenditures for advertising, including  
22                   on the internet.

23                   (iv) Using social, other internet-based,  
24                   or traditional media to spread information  
25                   to individuals in the United States without

1 disclosing that such information is being  
2 disseminated by a foreign government or a  
3 foreign person acting on behalf of a foreign  
4 government.

5 (B) EXCEPTIONS.—

6 (i) EXCEPTION FOR PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED STATEMENTS.—The term “inter-  
7 ference”, with respect to a United States  
8 election, does not include—

9  
10 (I) any public statement by a for-  
11 eign leader, official, or government  
12 agency with respect to a candidate for  
13 office, official of the United States  
14 Government, or policy of the United  
15 States, if it is clear that the statement  
16 is made by that foreign leader, gov-  
17 ernment official, or government agen-  
18 cy and no effort has been made to  
19 conceal the individual or entity mak-  
20 ing the statement; or

21 (II) any other statement if a for-  
22 eign government is readily and pub-  
23 licly identifiable the source of the  
24 statement.

1 (ii) EXCEPTION FOR FOREIGN GOV-  
2 ERNMENT BROADCASTS.—The term “inter-  
3 ference”, with respect to a United States  
4 election, does not include the broadcast of  
5 views of a foreign government through  
6 broadcast channels owned or controlled by  
7 that government, if that ownership or con-  
8 trol is readily and publicly identifiable.

9 (9) KNOWINGLY.—The term “knowingly”, with  
10 respect to conduct, a circumstance, or a result,  
11 means that a person has actual knowledge, or should  
12 have known, of the conduct, the circumstance, or the  
13 result.

14 (10) PERSON.—The term “person” means indi-  
15 vidual or entity.

16 (11) UNITED STATES ELECTION.—The term  
17 “United States election” means any United States  
18 Federal election.

19 (12) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term  
20 “United States person” means—

21 (A) a United States citizen or an alien law-  
22 fully admitted for permanent residence to the  
23 United States; or

24 (B) an entity organized under the laws of  
25 the United States or of any jurisdiction within

1 the United States, including a foreign branch of  
2 such an entity.

3 **TITLE I—DETERMINATION OF**  
4 **FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN**  
5 **UNITED STATES ELECTIONS**

6 **SEC. 101. DETERMINATION OF FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN**  
7 **UNITED STATES ELECTIONS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after a  
9 United States election, the Director of National Intel-  
10 ligence, in consultation with the Director of the Federal  
11 Bureau of Investigation, the Director of the National Se-  
12 curity Agency, the Director of the Central Intelligence  
13 Agency, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treas-  
14 ury, the Attorney General, and the Secretary of Homeland  
15 Security, shall—

16 (1) determine with a high level of confidence  
17 whether or not the government of a foreign country,  
18 or any foreign person acting as an agent of or on  
19 behalf of that government, knowingly engaged in in-  
20 terference in the election; and

21 (2) submit to the appropriate congressional  
22 committees and leadership a report on that deter-  
23 mination, including, if the Director determines that  
24 interference did occur—



1 (A) an identification of the government or  
2 foreign person that engaged in such inter-  
3 ference; and

4 (B) if the Government of the Russian Fed-  
5 eration, or any foreign person acting as an  
6 agent of or on behalf of that Government, en-  
7 gaged in such interference, a list of any senior  
8 foreign political figures or oligarchs in the Rus-  
9 sian Federation identified under section  
10 241(a)(1)(A) of the Countering Russian Influ-  
11 ence in Europe and Eurasia Act of 2017 (title  
12 II of Public Law 115–44; 131 Stat. 922) who  
13 directly or indirectly contributed to such inter-  
14 ference.

15 (b) **ADDITIONAL REPORTING.**—If the Director of Na-  
16 tional Intelligence determines and reports under sub-  
17 section (a) that neither the government of a foreign coun-  
18 try nor any foreign person acting as an agent of or on  
19 behalf of that government knowingly engaged in inter-  
20 ference in a United States election, and the Director sub-  
21 sequently determines that that government, or such a for-  
22 eign person, did engage in such interference, the Director  
23 shall, not later than 60 days after making that determina-  
24 tion, submit to the appropriate congressional committees  
25 and leadership—

1 (1) a report on the subsequent determination;  
2 and

3 (2) if Director determines that the Government  
4 of the Russian Federation, or any foreign person  
5 acting as an agent of or on behalf of that Govern-  
6 ment, engaged in such interference, a list of any sen-  
7 ior foreign political figures or oligarchs in the Rus-  
8 sian Federation identified under section  
9 241(a)(1)(A) of the Countering Russian Influence in  
10 Europe and Eurasia Act of 2017 (title II of Public  
11 Law 115–44; 131 Stat. 922) who directly or indi-  
12 rectly contributed to such interference.

13 (c) FORM OF REPORT.—Each report required by sub-  
14 section (a) or (b) shall be submitted in unclassified form  
15 but may include a classified annex.

16 **SEC. 102. UPDATED REPORT ON OLIGARCHS AND**  
17 **PARASTATAL ENTITIES OF THE RUSSIAN**  
18 **FEDERATION.**

19 Section 241 of the Countering America’s Adversaries  
20 Through Sanctions Act (Public Law 115–44; 131 Stat.  
21 922) is amended—

22 (1) by redesignating subsections (b) and (c) as  
23 subsections (c) and (d), respectively;

24 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-  
25 lowing:

1       “(b) UPDATED REPORT.—Not later than one year  
2 after the date of the enactment of the Defending Elections  
3 from Threats by Establishing Redlines Act of 2019, and  
4 annually thereafter, the Secretary of the Treasury, in con-  
5 sultation with the Director of National Intelligence and  
6 the Secretary of State, shall submit to the appropriate  
7 congressional committees an updated report on oligarchs  
8 and parastatal entities of the Russian Federation that  
9 builds on the report submitted under subsection (a) on  
10 January 29, 2018, and that includes the matters described  
11 in paragraphs (1) through (5) of subsection (a).”; and

12               (3) in subsection (c), as redesignated by para-  
13 graph (1), by striking “The report required under  
14 subsection (a)” and inserting “The reports required  
15 by subsections (a) and (b)”.

16 **TITLE II—DETECTING INTER-**  
17 **ERENCE IN UNITED STATES**  
18 **ELECTIONS BY THE RUSSIAN**  
19 **FEDERATION**

20 **SEC. 201. REPORT ON ESTIMATED NET WORTH OF PRESI-**  
21 **DENT VLADIMIR PUTIN AND OTHER SENIOR**  
22 **FOREIGN POLITICAL FIGURES OF THE RUS-**  
23 **SIAN FEDERATION.**

24       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
25 date of the enactment of this Act, and not less frequently

1 than biannually thereafter, the President shall submit to  
2 the appropriate congressional committees a report that  
3 contains—

4 (1) the estimated total net worth of each indi-  
5 vidual described in subsection (b); and

6 (2) a description of how the funds of each such  
7 individual were acquired and how such funds have  
8 been used or employed.

9 (b) INDIVIDUALS DESCRIBED.—The individuals de-  
10 scribed in this subsection are the following:

11 (1) President Vladimir Putin.

12 (2) Any other senior foreign political figure of  
13 the Russian Federation identified in the report  
14 under subsection (a)(1)(A) of section 241 of the  
15 Countering Russian Influence in Europe and Eur-  
16 asia Act of 2017 (title II of Public Law 115–44; 131  
17 Stat. 922), or any update to that report under sub-  
18 section (b) of such section, as added by section 103.

19 (c) FORM OF REPORT; PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—

20 (1) FORM.—The report required under sub-  
21 section (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form  
22 but may contain a classified annex.

23 (2) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The unclassified  
24 portion of the report required under subsection (a)  
25 shall be made available to the public in

1 precompressed, easily downloadable versions that are  
2 made available in all appropriate formats.

3 (d) SOURCES OF INFORMATION.—In preparing the  
4 report required under subsection (a), the President may  
5 use any credible publication, database, or web-based re-  
6 source, and any credible information compiled by any gov-  
7 ernment agency, nongovernmental organization, or other  
8 entity provided to or made available to the President.

9 (e) FUNDS DEFINED.—In this section, the term  
10 “funds” means—

11 (1) cash;

12 (2) equity;

13 (3) any other intangible asset the value of  
14 which is derived from a contractual claim, including  
15 bank deposits, bonds, stocks, a security (as defined  
16 in section 2(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 (15  
17 U.S.C. 77b(a))), or a security or an equity security  
18 (as those terms are defined in section 3(a) of the Se-  
19 curities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78c(a)));  
20 and

21 (4) anything else of value that the Secretary of  
22 the Treasury determines to be appropriate.

23 **SEC. 202. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—If the Director of National Intel-  
25 ligence determines under section 101 that the Government

1 of the Russian Federation, or any foreign person acting  
2 as an agent of or on behalf of that Government, knowingly  
3 engaged in interference in a United States election, the  
4 President shall, not later than 30 days after such deter-  
5 mination is made, impose the following sanctions:

6 (1) BLOCKING THE ASSETS OF CERTAIN STATE-  
7 OWNED RUSSIAN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND RE-  
8 STRICTING ACCOUNTS.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the  
10 Treasury shall impose one or more of the fol-  
11 lowing sanctions on 2 or more entities specified  
12 in subparagraph (B):

13 (i) Pursuant to the International  
14 Emergency Economic Powers Act (50  
15 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), blocking and prohib-  
16 iting all transactions in all property and  
17 interests in property of the entity if such  
18 property and interests in property are in  
19 the United States, come within the United  
20 States, or are or come within the posses-  
21 sion or control of a United States person.

22 (ii) Prohibiting, or imposing strict  
23 conditions on, the opening or maintaining  
24 in the United States of a correspondent ac-

1 count or payable-through account by the  
2 entity.

3 (B) ENTITIES SPECIFIED.—The entities  
4 specified in this subparagraph are the following:

5 (i) Sberbank.

6 (ii) VTB Bank.

7 (iii) Gazprombank.

8 (iv) Vnesheconombank.

9 (v) Rosselkhozbank.

10 (2) PROHIBITION ON NEW INVESTMENTS IN EN-  
11 ERGY SECTOR OF RUSSIA.—

12 (A) PROHIBITION.—The President shall  
13 prohibit any new investment made in the  
14 United States or by a United States person in  
15 the energy sector of the Russian Federation or  
16 an energy company of the Russian Federation.

17 (B) SANCTIONS.—The President shall,  
18 pursuant to the International Emergency Eco-  
19 nomic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.),  
20 block and prohibit all transactions in all prop-  
21 erty and interests in property of any foreign  
22 person that makes a new investment in the en-  
23 ergy sector of the Russian Federation or an en-  
24 ergy company of the Russian Federation if such  
25 property and interests in property are in the

1 United States, come within the United States,  
2 or are or come within the possession or control  
3 of a United States person.

4 (C) NEW INVESTMENT DEFINED.—Not  
5 later than 60 days after the date of the enact-  
6 ment of this Act, the President shall prescribe  
7 regulations to define, for purposes of this para-  
8 graph, the term “new investment” in a manner  
9 that—

10 (i) includes significant upgrades or ex-  
11 pansions to projects and construction un-  
12 derway as of the date of the enactment of  
13 this Act; and

14 (ii) does not include routine mainte-  
15 nance of such projects and construction.

16 (3) BLOCKING THE ASSETS OF ENTITIES IN  
17 RUSSIAN DEFENSE AND INTELLIGENCE SECTORS.—

18 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the  
19 Treasury shall, pursuant to the International  
20 Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C.  
21 1701 et seq.), block and prohibit all trans-  
22 actions in all property and interests in property  
23 of any entity described in subparagraph (B) if  
24 such property and interests in property are in  
25 the United States, come within the United



1 States, or are or come within the possession or  
2 control of a United States person.

3 (B) ENTITIES DESCRIBED.—An entity de-  
4 scribed in this subparagraph is—

5 (i) an entity that the President deter-  
6 mines pursuant to section 231 of the  
7 Countering Russian Influence in Europe  
8 and Eurasia Act of 2017 (22 U.S.C. 9525)  
9 is part of, or operates for or on behalf of,  
10 the defense or intelligence sectors of the  
11 Government of the Russian Federation; or

12 (ii) an entity in which an entity de-  
13 scribed in clause (i) has an ownership in-  
14 terest of 50 percent or more.

15 (4) PROHIBITION ON TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING  
16 CERTAIN RUSSIAN DEBT.—The Secretary of the  
17 Treasury shall, pursuant to such regulations as the  
18 Secretary may prescribe, prohibit all transactions  
19 within the United States or by a United States per-  
20 son, in—

21 (A) sovereign debt of the Government of  
22 the Russian Federation issued on or after the  
23 date of the enactment of this Act, including  
24 governmental bonds; and

1 (B) debt of any entity owned or controlled  
2 by the Russian Federation issued on or after  
3 such date of enactment, including bonds.

4 (5) BLOCKING THE ASSETS OF SENIOR POLIT-  
5 ICAL FIGURES AND OLIGARCHS AND EXCLUSION  
6 FROM THE UNITED STATES.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—The President shall im-  
8 pose with respect to any senior foreign political  
9 figure or oligarch in the Russian Federation  
10 identified under subsection (a)(2)(B) or (b)(2)  
11 of section 101 the following sanctions:

12 (i) Pursuant to the International  
13 Emergency Economic Powers Act (50  
14 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), the President shall  
15 block and prohibit all transactions in all  
16 property and interests in property of the  
17 individual if such property and interests in  
18 property are in the United States, come  
19 within the United States, or are or come  
20 within the possession or control of a  
21 United States person.

22 (ii) The President shall deny a visa to,  
23 and exclude from the United States, the  
24 individual, and revoke in accordance with  
25 section 221(i) of the Immigration and Na-

1                   tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1201(i)) any visa  
2                   or other documentation of the individual.

3                   (B) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF INFORMA-  
4                   TION.—Information about the denial or revoca-  
5                   tion of a visa or other documentation under  
6                   subparagraph (A)(ii) shall be made available to  
7                   the public.

8                   (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

9                   (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year  
10                  after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-  
11                  nually thereafter, the President shall submit to the  
12                  committees specified in paragraph (2) a report iden-  
13                  tifying the 5 largest financial institutions owned or  
14                  controlled by the Government of the Russian Fed-  
15                  eration, determined by estimated net assets.

16                  (2) COMMITTEES SPECIFIED.—The committees  
17                  specified in this paragraph are—

18                         (A) the Committee on Banking, Housing,  
19                         and Urban Affairs and the Committee on For-  
20                         eign Relations of the Senate; and

21                         (B) the Committee on Financial Services  
22                         and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the  
23                         House of Representatives.

24                  (c) EXCEPTIONS.—

1           (1) IMPORTATION OF GOODS.—The requirement  
2 to impose sanctions under subsection (a) shall not  
3 include the authority to impose sanctions with re-  
4 spect to the importation of goods.

5           (2) COMPLIANCE WITH UNITED NATIONS HEAD-  
6 QUARTERS AGREEMENT.—Subsection (a)(5)(A)(ii)  
7 shall not apply with respect to the admission of an  
8 alien to the United States if such admission is nec-  
9 essary to comply with United States obligations  
10 under the Agreement between the United Nations  
11 and the United States of America regarding the  
12 Headquarters of the United Nations, signed at Lake  
13 Success June 26, 1947, and entered into force No-  
14 vember 21, 1947, under the Convention on Consular  
15 Relations, done at Vienna April 24, 1963, and en-  
16 tered into force March 19, 1967, or under other  
17 international agreements.

18           (3) ACTIVITIES OF NASA.—The requirement to  
19 impose sanctions under subsection (a) shall not  
20 apply with respect to activities of the National Aero-  
21 nautics and Space Administration.

22 (d) IMPLEMENTATION; PENALTIES.—

23           (1) IMPLEMENTATION.—The President may ex-  
24 ercise all authorities provided under sections 203  
25 and 205 of the International Emergency Economic

1 Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704) to carry out  
2 this section.

3 (2) PENALTIES.—A person that violates, at-  
4 tempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a  
5 violation of this section or any regulation, license, or  
6 order issued to carry out this section shall be subject  
7 to the penalties set forth in subsections (b) and (c)  
8 of section 206 of the International Emergency Eco-  
9 nomic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) to the same ex-  
10 tent as a person that commits an unlawful act de-  
11 scribed in subsection (a) of that section.

12 (e) EXTENSION OF PERIOD TO ALLOW CESSATION  
13 OF PROHIBITED BUSINESS.—The President may extend  
14 the 30-day period specified in subsection (a), except with  
15 respect to sanctions under paragraph (5) of that sub-  
16 section, for an additional period not to exceed 180 days  
17 if the President certifies to the appropriate congressional  
18 committees that the extension—

19 (1) is in the national security interest of the  
20 United States; and

21 (2) is necessary to enable non-Russian persons  
22 impacted by sanctions under subsection (a) to wind  
23 down business prohibited as a result of those sanc-  
24 tions.

1 (f) NATIONAL SECURITY WAIVER.—The President  
2 may waive the application of sanctions under subsection  
3 (a) with respect to a person, except sanctions under para-  
4 graph (5) of that subsection, if the President submits to  
5 the appropriate congressional committees a determination  
6 in writing that—

7 (1) the waiver is in the vital national security  
8 interest of the United States; and

9 (2) failing to use the waiver will cause signifi-  
10 cant adverse harm to the vital national security in-  
11 terests of the United States.

12 (g) SUSPENSION.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President may suspend  
14 sanctions imposed under subsection (a) on or after  
15 the date on which the Director of National Intel-  
16 ligence, in consultation with the Director of the Fed-  
17 eral Bureau of Investigation, the Director of the Na-  
18 tional Security Agency, the Director of the Central  
19 Intelligence Agency, the Secretary of State, the Sec-  
20 retary of the Treasury, and the Attorney General,  
21 submits to the appropriate congressional committees  
22 and leadership a certification that the Government  
23 of the Russian Federation has not engaged in inter-  
24 ference in United States elections for at least one  
25 Federal election cycle.

1 (2) REIMPOSITION.—

2 (A) REPORTS REQUIRED.—Not later than  
3 90 days after a suspension of sanctions under  
4 paragraph (1) takes effect, and every 90 days  
5 thereafter, the President shall submit to the ap-  
6 propriate congressional committees and leader-  
7 ship a report on whether the Government of the  
8 Russian Federation is taking measures to—

9 (i) improve the oversight of and pros-  
10 ecutions relating to interference in United  
11 States elections; and

12 (ii) credibly demonstrate a significant  
13 change in behavior and credibly commit to  
14 not engaging in such interference in the  
15 future.

16 (B) REIMPOSITION.—If the President de-  
17 termines under subparagraph (A) that the Gov-  
18 ernment of the Russian Federation is not tak-  
19 ing measures described in that subparagraph,  
20 the President shall reimpose the sanctions sus-  
21 pended under paragraph (1).

22 (h) TERMINATION.—The President may terminate  
23 sanctions imposed under subsection (a) on or after the  
24 date on which the Director of National Intelligence, in  
25 consultation with the Director of the Federal Bureau of

1 Investigation, the Director of the National Security Agen-  
2 cy, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, the  
3 Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the  
4 Attorney General, submits to the appropriate congres-  
5 sional committees and leadership a certification that—

6 (1) the Government of the Russian Federation  
7 has not engaged in interference in United States  
8 elections for at least 2 Federal election cycles; and

9 (2) the President has received credible commit-  
10 ments from the Government of the Russian Federa-  
11 tion that that Government will not engage in such  
12 interference in the future.

13 **SEC. 203. CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW OF WAIVER, SUSPEN-**  
14 **SION, AND TERMINATION OF SANCTIONS.**

15 Section 216(a)(2) of the Countering America’s Ad-  
16 versaries Through Sanctions Act (22 U.S.C. 9511(a)(2))  
17 is amended—

18 (1) in subparagraph (A)(i), by inserting “or  
19 suspend the application of sanctions described in  
20 subparagraph (B)(i)(IV)” after “subparagraph (B)”;  
21 and

22 (2) in subparagraph (B)(i)—

23 (A) in subclause (II), by striking “; or”  
24 and inserting a semicolon;



1 (B) in subclause (III), by striking “; and”  
2 and inserting “; or”; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(IV) section 202 of the Defend-  
5 ing Elections from Threats by Estab-  
6 lishing Redlines Act of 2019; and”.

7 **SEC. 204. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON STRATEGY ON COORDI-**  
8 **NATION WITH EUROPEAN UNION.**

9 It is the sense of Congress that, not later than 180  
10 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Presi-  
11 dent should submit to the appropriate congressional com-  
12 mittees and leadership a strategy on how the United  
13 States will—

14 (1) work in concert with the European Union  
15 and member countries of the European Union to  
16 deter interference by the Government of the Russian  
17 Federation in elections; and

18 (2) coordinate with the European Union and  
19 member countries of the European Union to enact  
20 legislation similar to this Act.

1 **TITLE III—DETECTING INTER-**  
2 **ERENCE IN UNITED STATES**  
3 **ELECTIONS BY OTHER FOR-**  
4 **EIGN GOVERNMENTS**

5 **SEC. 301. BRIEFING ON INTERFERENCE IN UNITED STATES**  
6 **ELECTIONS.**

7 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-  
8 ment of this Act, and every 90 days thereafter, the Presi-  
9 dent, or a designee of the President, shall brief the appro-  
10 priate congressional committees and leadership on any  
11 government of a foreign country, or person acting as an  
12 agent of or on behalf of that government, that is deter-  
13 mined by the President to have engaged in or to be likely  
14 to engage in interference in a United States election.

15 **SEC. 302. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON DETERRENCE STRATE-**  
16 **GIES FOR INTERFERENCE IN UNITED STATES**  
17 **ELECTIONS BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS OF**  
18 **CONCERN.**

19 It is the sense of Congress that, not later than 90  
20 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Presi-  
21 dent should submit to the appropriate congressional com-  
22 mittees and leadership a report that includes—

23 (1) a strategy of the President to deter inter-  
24 ference in a United States election by the Govern-  
25 ment of the People's Republic of China, the Govern-

1       ment of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea,  
2       the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and  
3       any other foreign government determined by the  
4       President to have engaged in or to be likely to en-  
5       gage in interference in a United States election, in-  
6       cluding any person acting as an agent of or on be-  
7       half of such a government;

8               (2) proposed sanctions if that government en-  
9       gages in such interference and any authorities the  
10       President may require from Congress to impose such  
11       sanctions;

12              (3) other actions undertaken by Federal agen-  
13       cies or in cooperation with other countries to deter  
14       such interference; and

15              (4) a plan for communicating such deterrence  
16       actions to those governments.