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# H. R. 535

To counter Russian influence and aggression in Ukraine.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 26, 2023

Mr. CONNOLLY (for himself and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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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 “Defending Ukraine’s  
5 Territorial Integrity Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. COUNTERING RUSSIAN INFLUENCE AND AGGRES-**  
7 **SION IN UKRAINE.**

8 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the  
9 United States not to recognize the Russian Federation’s  
10 claim of sovereignty over, or independence, of any part of  
11 Ukraine occupied by Russian forces, including Crimea and  
12 Donetsk, Kherson, Luhansk, and Zaporizhzhia oblasts.

1 (b) PROHIBITION.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds author-  
3 ized to be appropriated or otherwise made available  
4 to any Federal department or agency may be used  
5 to provide assistance for the central government of  
6 a country that the Secretary of State determines  
7 and reports to the appropriate congressional com-  
8 mittees—

9 (A) has recognized the independence of, or  
10 has established diplomatic relations with, any  
11 region located in the territory of Ukraine that  
12 is occupied by the Russian Federation or under  
13 the control of Russian-backed separatists, in-  
14 cluding Crimea and Donetsk, Kherson,  
15 Luhansk, and Zaporizhzhia oblasts; or

16 (B) has taken affirmative steps intended to  
17 support or be supportive of the Russian Federa-  
18 tion annexation of Crimea or other territory in  
19 Ukraine.

20 (2) PUBLICATION OF LIST OF CENTRAL GOV-  
21 ERNMENTS.—The Secretary of State shall publish  
22 on the Department of State website a list of such  
23 central governments in a timely manner.

24 (3) WAIVER.—The Secretary of State may  
25 waive the prohibition on assistance required by para-

1 graph (1) with respect to any such central govern-  
2 ment if the Secretary determines and reports to the  
3 appropriate congressional committees that to do so  
4 is in the national interest of the United States, and  
5 includes a justification for such interest.

6 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-  
7 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-  
8 sional committees” means the Committee on Foreign Af-  
9 fairs of the House of Representatives and the Committee  
10 on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

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