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To reiterate the support of the Congress of the United States for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PANETTA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “NATO Support Act
5 of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that:

8 (1) The North Atlantic Treaty Organization
9 (referred to as “NATO”), which came into being
10 through the North Atlantic Treaty, which entered

1 into force on April 4, 1949, between the United
2 States and the other founding members of the North
3 Atlantic Treaty Organization, has served as a pillar
4 of international peace and stability, a critical compo-
5 nent of United States security, and a deterrent
6 against adversaries and external threats.

7 (2) The House of Representatives affirmed in
8 H. Res. 397, on June 27, 2017, that—

9 (A) NATO is one of the most successful
10 military alliances in history, deterring the out-
11 break of another world war, protecting the ter-
12 ritorial integrity of its members, and concluding
13 the Cold War peacefully;

14 (B) NATO remains the foundation of
15 United States foreign policy to promote a Eu-
16 rope that is prosperous, free, and at peace;

17 (C) the United States is solemnly com-
18 mitted to the North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-
19 tion’s principle of collective defense as enumer-
20 ated in Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty;
21 and

22 (D) the House of Representatives—

23 (i) condemns any threat to the sov-
24 ereignty, territorial integrity, freedom, and
25 democracy of any NATO ally;

1 (ii) supports the decision at the
2 NATO Wales Summit in 2014 that each
3 alliance member aim to spend at least 2
4 percent of its nation's gross domestic prod-
5 uct on defense by 2024;

6 (iii) strongly supports collaboration
7 with NATO allies to enforce Ukraine's ter-
8 ritorial integrity against unprovoked ag-
9 gression from the Russian Federation;

10 (iv) recognizes the advantages that
11 multinational training exercises and joint
12 research and education programs with
13 NATO allies have offered for interoper-
14 ability and readiness; and

15 (v) welcomes the addition of Finland
16 as the 31st member of the NATO Alliance
17 and supports the swift accession of Sweden
18 as an additional member.

19 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

20 It is the sense of Congress that—

21 (1) the President shall not withdraw the United
22 States from NATO; and

23 (2) the case *Goldwater v. Carter* is not control-
24 ling legal precedent with respect to the withdrawal
25 of the United States from a treaty.

1 **SEC. 4. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

2 It is the policy of the United States—

3 (1) to remain a member in good standing of
4 NATO;

5 (2) to reject any efforts to withdraw the United
6 States from NATO, or to indirectly withdraw from
7 NATO by condemning or reducing contributions to
8 NATO structures, activities, or operations, in a
9 manner that creates a de facto withdrawal;

10 (3) to continue to work with NATO members to
11 meet their 2014 Wales Defense Investment Pledge
12 commitments; and

13 (4) to support robust United States funding for
14 the European Deterrence Initiative, which increases
15 the ability of the United States and its allies to
16 deter and defend against Russian aggression.

17 **SEC. 5. PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF FUNDS TO WITH-**
18 **DRAW FROM NATO.**

19 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no funds
20 are authorized to be appropriated, obligated, or expended
21 to take any action to withdraw the United States from
22 the North Atlantic Treaty, done at Washington, DC, on
23 April 4, 1949, between the United States and the other
24 founding members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-
25 tion.