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To authorize assistance and sustainment to the military and national security forces of Ukraine.

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Mr. SMITH of Washington (for himself, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. NUNES, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. WALZ, Mr. TURNER, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. KLINE, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. COFFMAN, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. NUGENT, Mr. COOK, Mr. BRIDENSTINE, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. BYRNE, Mr. ZINKE, and Mr. PASCRELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. ASSISTANCE AND SUSTAINMENT TO THE MILI-**
2 **TARY AND NATIONAL SECURITY FORCES OF**
3 **UKRAINE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense is au-
5 thorized, in coordination with the Secretary of State, to
6 provide assistance, including training, equipment, lethal
7 weapons of a defensive nature, logistics support, supplies
8 and services, and sustainment to the military and national
9 security forces of Ukraine, through September 30, 2017,
10 to assist the government of Ukraine for the following pur-
11 poses:

12 (1) Securing its sovereign territory against for-
13 eign aggressors.

14 (2) Protecting and defending the Ukrainian
15 people from attacks posed by Russian-backed sepa-
16 ratists.

17 (3) Promoting the conditions for a negotiated
18 settlement to end the conflict.

19 (b) NOTICE BEFORE PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE.—
20 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated under this Act,
21 not more than 10 percent of such funds may be obligated
22 or expended until not later than 15 days after the Sec-
23 retary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of
24 State, submits to the appropriate congressional commit-
25 tees a report in unclassified form with a classified annex
26 as appropriate that contains a description of the plan for

1 providing such assistance, including a description of the
2 types of training and equipment to be provided, the esti-
3 mated number and role of United States Armed Forces
4 personnel involved, the potential or actual locations of any
5 training, and any other relevant details.

6 (c) QUARTERLY REPORTS.—Not later than 105 days
7 after the date on which the Secretary of Defense submits
8 the report required in subsection (b), and every 90 days
9 thereafter, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with
10 the Secretary of State, shall provide to the appropriate
11 congressional committees a report on the activities carried
12 out under this Act. Such report shall include a description
13 of the following:

14 (1) Updates or changes to the plan required
15 under subsection (b).

16 (2) A description of the forces provided with
17 training, equipment, or other assistance under this
18 Act during the preceding 90-day period.

19 (3) A description of the equipment provided
20 under this Act during the preceding 90-day period,
21 including a detailed breakout of any lethal assistance
22 provided.

23 (4) A statement of the amount of funds ex-
24 pended during the preceding 90-day period.

1 (d) VETTING.—The Secretary of Defense, in coordi-
2 nation with the Secretary of State, shall ensure that all
3 assistance provided under this Act is carried out in full
4 accordance with the provisions of section 2249e of title
5 10, United States Code.

6 (e) DEFINITION.—In this Act, the term “appropriate
7 congressional committees” means—

8 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
9 Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee
10 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives;
11 and

12 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
13 Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Committee
14 on Appropriations of the Senate.

15 (f) FUNDING.—To carry out the provisions of this
16 Act, there are authorized to be appropriated
17 \$1,000,000,000. Amounts authorized to be appropriated
18 under this subsection are authorized to remain available
19 until September 30, 2017.

20 (g) AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT CONTRIBUTIONS.—The
21 Secretary of Defense may accept and retain contributions,
22 including in-kind contributions, from foreign governments,
23 to provide assistance authorized under subsection (a). Any
24 funds so accepted by the Secretary may be credited to the
25 account from which funds are made available to provide

1 assistance authorized under subsection (a) and may re-
2 main available to provide assistance authorized under sub-
3 section (a) until September 30, 2017.

4 (h) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
5 tion shall be construed to constitute a specific statutory
6 authorization for the introduction of United States Armed
7 Forces into hostilities or into situations in which hostilities
8 are clearly indicated by the circumstances.

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