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To limit the transfer of F-35 aircraft to foreign countries.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. TILLIS (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

To limit the transfer of F-35 aircraft to foreign countries.

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. LIMITATION ON TRANSFER OF F-35 AIRCRAFT**
4 **TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under sub-
6 section (b), no funds may be obligated or expended—

7 (1) to transfer, facilitate the transfer, or au-
8 thorize the transfer of, an F-35 aircraft to a foreign
9 country; or

10 (2) to transfer intellectual property or technical
11 data necessary for, or related to, any maintenance or
12 support of the F-35 aircraft.

1 (b) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary of Defense may
2 waive the limitation under subsection (a) after submitting
3 a written certification to Congress that the receiving coun-
4 try is not—

5 (1) taking steps to degrade NATO interoper-
6 ability;

7 (2) exposing NATO assets to hostile actors;

8 (3) degrading the general security of NATO
9 member countries;

10 (4) seeking to import or purchase defense arti-
11 cles from a foreign country with respect to which
12 sanctions are imposed by the United States; or

13 (5) wrongfully or unlawfully detaining 1 or
14 more United States citizens.

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