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To authorize the imposition of sanctions with respect to any foreign person endangering the integrity or safety of the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MEEKS (for himself, Mr. KEATING, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. COSTA, Ms. TITUS, Mr. COHEN, Mr. AMO, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. BERA, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. QUIGLEY, and Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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

To authorize the imposition of sanctions with respect to any foreign person endangering the integrity or safety of the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant.

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 “Sanction Russian Nu-
5 clear Safety Violators Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

1 (1) On February 24, 2022, the Government of
2 the Russian Federation, led by Vladimir Putin,
3 launched an unprovoked, full-scale invasion of
4 Ukraine.

5 (2) Russian forces have illegally occupied the
6 Zaporzhzhia nuclear power plant, the largest nuclear
7 power plant in Europe, and have placed Russian
8 military equipment within the power plant.

9 (3) Officials from the Russian Federations
10 State Atomic Energy Corporation “Rosatom” have
11 been present at the plant since March 2022 and
12 have requested information on confidential issues re-
13 garding the plant’s operations.

14 (4) The International Atomic Energy Associa-
15 tion “IAEA” has stated that the presence of
16 Rosatom officials is a significant safety concern and
17 could lead to technical interference in the plant’s op-
18 erations, and has found that the power plant has
19 structural damage in places due to shelling caused
20 by Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.

21 (5) The Director General has stated that failing
22 to demilitarize the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant
23 is “playing with fire”.

24 (6) In May 2023, Russia evacuated citizens
25 from the region around Zaporizhzhia, including per-

1 sonnel who operate the plant, further exacerbating
2 concerns about the plant's stability and safety.

3 **SEC. 3. SANCTIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall impose sanc-
5 tions described in subsection (b) with respect to any for-
6 eign person that has endangered the integrity, safety, or
7 undermined Ukrainian operational control of the
8 Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Station located in south-
9 eastern Ukraine since the Russian Federation launched an
10 unprovoked, full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

11 (b) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions de-
12 scribed in this subsection are the following:

13 (1) ASSET BLOCKING.—Notwithstanding the re-
14 quirements of section 202 of the International
15 Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701),
16 the President may exercise of all powers granted to
17 the President by that Act to the extent necessary to
18 block and prohibit all transactions in all property
19 and interests in property of the foreign person if
20 such property and interests in property are in the
21 United States, come within the United States, or are
22 or come within the possession or control of a United
23 States person.

24 (2) VISAS, ADMISSION, OR PAROLE.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—An alien who the Sec-
2 retary of State or the Secretary of Homeland
3 Security (or a designee of one of such Secre-
4 taries) knows, or has reason to believe, is de-
5 scribed in subsection (a) is—

6 (i) inadmissible to the United States;

7 (ii) ineligible for a visa or other docu-
8 mentation to enter the United States; and

9 (iii) otherwise ineligible to be admitted
10 or paroled into the United States or to re-
11 ceive any other benefit under the Immigra-
12 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et
13 seq.).

14 (B) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—

15 (i) IN GENERAL.—The issuing con-
16 sular officer, the Secretary of State, or the
17 Secretary of Homeland Security (or a des-
18 ignee of one of such Secretaries) shall, in
19 accordance with section 221(i) of the Im-
20 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
21 1201(i)), revoke any visa or other entry
22 documentation issued to an alien described
23 in subparagraph (A) regardless of when
24 the visa or other entry documentation is
25 issued.

1 (ii) EFFECT OF REVOCATION.—A rev-
2 ocation under clause (i)—

3 (I) shall take effect immediately;
4 and

5 (II) shall automatically cancel
6 any other valid visa or entry docu-
7 mentation that is in the alien's pos-
8 session.

9 (c) EXCEPTIONS.—

10 (1) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH INTER-
11 NATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.—Sanctions under sub-
12 section (b)(2) shall not apply with respect to the ad-
13 mission of an alien if admitting or paroling the alien
14 into the United States is necessary to permit the
15 United States to comply with the Agreement regard-
16 ing the Headquarters of the United Nations, signed
17 at Lake Success June 26, 1947, and entered into
18 force November 21, 1947, between the United Na-
19 tions and the United States, or other applicable
20 international obligations.

21 (2) EXCEPTION RELATING TO THE PROVISION
22 OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.—Sanctions under
23 this section may not be imposed with respect to
24 transactions or the facilitation of transactions for—

1 (A) the sale of agricultural commodities,
2 food, medicine, or medical devices;

3 (B) the provision of humanitarian assist-
4 ance;

5 (C) financial transactions relating to hu-
6 manitarian assistance; or

7 (D) transporting goods or services that are
8 necessary to carry out operations relating to
9 humanitarian assistance.

10 (3) EXCEPTION RELATED TO UKRAINIAN OPER-
11 ATIONAL CONTROL.—Sanctions under this section
12 shall not apply to any foreign person seeking to rees-
13 tablish Ukrainian operational control of the
14 Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Station or the sur-
15 rounding region.

16 (d) IMPLEMENTATION; PENALTIES.—

17 (1) IMPLEMENTATION.—The President may ex-
18 ercise all authorities provided to the President under
19 sections 203 and 205 of the International Emer-
20 gency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and
21 1704) to carry out this subtitle.

22 (2) PENALTIES.—The penalties provided for in
23 subsections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the Inter-
24 national Emergency Economic Powers Act (50
25 U.S.C. 1705) shall apply to a person that violates,

1 attempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a
2 violation of regulations promulgated under section
3 403(b) to carry out paragraph (1)(A) to the same
4 extent that such penalties apply to a person who
5 commits an unlawful act described in section 206(a)
6 of that Act.

7 (e) WAIVER.—The President may waive the applica-
8 tion of sanctions imposed with respect to a foreign person
9 under this section if the President certifies to the appro-
10 priate congressional committees not later than 15 days be-
11 fore such waiver is to take effect that the waiver is vital
12 to the national security interests of the United States.

13 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

14 (1) the term “appropriate congressional com-
15 mittees” means the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
16 the House of Representatives and the Committee on
17 Foreign Relations of the Senate;

18 (2) the term “foreign person” means an indi-
19 vidual or entity that is not a United States person;

20 (3) the term “United States person” means—

21 (A) a United States citizen;

22 (B) a permanent resident alien of the
23 United States;

24 (C) 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; or

3 (D) a person in the United States.

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