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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KEATING (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 “Transatlantic Growth  
5 Enterprise Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

7 The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title.
- Sec. 2. Table of contents.
- Sec. 3. Findings.

Sec. 4. Sense of Congress.

Sec. 5. Establishment of Transatlantic Growth Enterprise.

Sec. 6. Definitions.

1 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The United States has a strong and unwav-  
4 ering interest in promoting peace, security, democ-  
5 racy, good governance, and rule of law in Central  
6 and Eastern Europe.

7 (2) Many countries in Central and Eastern Eu-  
8 rope are strong and reliable NATO partners that  
9 serve as indefensible allies to the United States and  
10 transatlantic security.

11 (3) In recent years, de-democratization in Cen-  
12 tral and Eastern Europe, particularly in Hungary,  
13 has greatly undermined the United States bilateral  
14 relationship with those countries and have enabled  
15 malign actors like China and Russia to gain a foot-  
16 hold in the transatlantic alliance.

17 (4) Russia's illegal war of aggression in  
18 Ukraine and China's significant support for Russia's  
19 war of aggression pose a significant economic and  
20 security threat to the European continent.

21 (5) Strengthening the United States security  
22 and economic relationship with Central and Eastern  
23 Europe while countering malign action in the region  
24 is in the vital interest of the United States.

1 **SEC. 4. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2 It is the sense of Congress that—

3 (1) a strong security and economic relationship  
4 between the United States and countries in Central  
5 and Eastern Europe is vital to United States na-  
6 tional security;

7 (2) Central and Eastern European countries  
8 play an important role in NATO and the trans-  
9 atlantic security architecture and serve as a bulwark  
10 against Russian malign influence and aggression;

11 (3) the United States can better counter the in-  
12 fluence of the People’s Republic of China around the  
13 world through transatlantic cooperation including  
14 with countries in Central and Eastern Europe; and;  
15 and

16 (4) United States investments in Central and  
17 Eastern Europe and strengthened business to busi-  
18 ness ties between the United States and Central and  
19 Eastern Europe strengthen the economic security of  
20 the transatlantic relationship and contribute to in-  
21 creased prosperity and energy security around the  
22 world.

23 **SEC. 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF TRANSATLANTIC GROWTH EN-**  
24 **TERPRISE.**

25 (a) ENTERPRISE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of  
26 State shall, in coordination with the Chief Executive Offi-

1 cer of the Development Finance Corporation, and other  
2 relevant Federal agencies, carry out a program, to be  
3 known as the “Transatlantic Growth Enterprise”, in sup-  
4 port of strengthening United States relations with partici-  
5 pating Enterprise countries, with a particular focus on  
6 strengthening business to business ties and fostering a ro-  
7 bust investment environment in participating Enterprise  
8 countries as well as expanding energy security and secu-  
9 rity cooperation within Enterprise countries.

10 (b) OBJECTIVES.—The objectives of the Enterprise  
11 shall be the following:

12 (1) Strengthen United States relationships with  
13 like-minded participating countries.

14 (2) Expand business-to-business ties, including  
15 by working with relevant Chambers of Commerce,  
16 between United States industry and important eco-  
17 nomic and security sectors in participating countries.

18 (3) Expand energy sector cooperation between  
19 the United States and Enterprise countries, includ-  
20 ing in the nuclear energy sector.

21 (4) Strengthen people-to-people ties between the  
22 United States and participating countries.

23 (5) Strengthen security cooperation and efforts  
24 to counter Russian malign influence and aggression  
25 on the European continent.

1           (6) Counter the People’s Republic of China’s  
2           growing private sector footprint in Enterprise coun-  
3           tries;

4           (c) MEETINGS.—The Secretary shall seek to convene  
5           appropriate stakeholders of participating Enterprise coun-  
6           tries at least twice per calendar year to discuss shared  
7           goals and priorities for the Enterprise. Such stakeholders  
8           shall include, as practicable, government officials, business  
9           leaders, and civil society representatives.

10          (d) LIMITATION.—To the extent that projects or ac-  
11          tivities are undertaken or supported by the Secretary, the  
12          Enterprise may only engage with counterpart government  
13          officials of Enterprise countries that the Secretary has de-  
14          termined are not undermining United States interests in  
15          the region—

16                 (1) through cooperation with Russia or China;  
17          or

18                 (2) by undermining democracy in the region in-  
19          cluding through the conclusion of a bilateral agree-  
20          ment with the People’s Republic of China or the  
21          Russian Federation that enables the stationing of  
22          that country’s police or military forces on the enter-  
23          prise country’s territory.

24          (e) REPORTS.—

1           (1) IMPLEMENTATION REPORT.—Not later than  
2           180 days after enactment of this Act, and annually  
3           thereafter, the Secretary, in coordination with the  
4           heads of the Federal agencies described in sub-  
5           section (a), shall submit to the appropriate congress-  
6           sional committees a report detailing the activities of  
7           the Enterprise, which shall also include—

8                   (A) an overview of the diplomatic engage-  
9                   ments undertaken in the Enterprise;

10                   (B) an assessment of the progress of  
11                   achieving the objectives described in subsection  
12                   (b); and

13                   (C) recommendations for future initiatives  
14                   for the Enterprise to undertake.

15           (2) FORM.—The report required by paragraph  
16           (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may  
17           contain a classified annex.

18           (3) ENERGY STRATEGY.—Not later than 1 year  
19           after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
20           retary of State, in consultation with the heads of the  
21           Federal agencies described in subsection (a), shall  
22           submit to the appropriate congressional committees  
23           a report that includes the following:

1 (A) An overview of ongoing energy co-  
2 operation between the United States and par-  
3 ticipating Enterprise countries.

4 (B) An overview of the dependency of en-  
5 terprise countries on the Russian and Chinese  
6 energy sectors and the impacts of these depend-  
7 encies on United States and transatlantic trade  
8 and energy security.

9 (C) A list of opportunities in the energy  
10 sectors of participating countries, including in  
11 energy infrastructure, that would enhance the  
12 work of the Enterprise, further United States  
13 national security, support decoupling from en-  
14 ergy sector dependencies on Russia and China,  
15 and strengthen United States bilateral relations  
16 with enterprise countries.

17 (D) An assessment of required appropria-  
18 tions or additional needed authorities for the  
19 United States to carry out public sector oppor-  
20 tunities listed pursuant to subsection (c).

21 (E) An assessment of actions required by  
22 the private sector and opportunities for the  
23 United States to provide support to the private  
24 sector to carry out private sector opportunities  
25 listed pursuant to subsection (c).

1 **SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) **APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-**  
4 **TEES.**—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
5 mittees” means the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
6 the House of Representatives and the Committee on  
7 Foreign Relations of the Senate.

8 (2) **ENTERPRISE COUNTRY.**—The term “Enter-  
9 prise country” means the Czech Republic, Poland,  
10 Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Moldova, Ukraine, or  
11 Bulgaria, and may include any other country in Cen-  
12 tral and Eastern Europe that the Secretary of State  
13 determines appropriate to participate in the Enter-  
14 prise authorized by section 5.

15 (3) **NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZA-**  
16 **TION.**—The term “NATO” means the North Atlan-  
17 tic Treaty Organization.

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