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To require the Secretary of State to facilitate strategic dialogue with Moldova and submit a report on support for Moldova, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KEATING (for himself, Mr. LAWLER, and Ms. ROSS) 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

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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 “Moldova Support Act
5 of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that:

1 (1) For more than 3 decades, the Republic of
2 Moldova has demonstrated a strong commitment to
3 advancing democracy, strengthening civil society,
4 furthering accession to the European Union, and
5 deepening cooperation with the North Atlantic Trea-
6 ty Organization through the Partnership for Peace
7 Program.

8 (2) The Russian Federation’s illegal invasion of
9 Ukraine has threatened the sovereignty and terri-
10 torial integrity of Moldova by destabilizing the coun-
11 try’s economy as well as its energy security.

12 (3) The reelection of Moldovan President Maia
13 Sandu further cements Moldova’s pro-European
14 path and Moldova’s expedient accession to the Euro-
15 pean Union is in the direct interest of the United
16 States.

17 (4) Moldova represents a United States foreign
18 assistance success story with United States foreign
19 assistance to Moldova contributing to Moldova’s en-
20 ergy security, economic development, and democratic
21 values as well as furthering the United States-
22 Moldova bilateral relationship, all which benefit the
23 people and businesses of the United States and
24 strengthen the transatlantic relationship.

1 (5) The United States-Moldova Strategic Dia-
2 logue is an important platform for strengthening the
3 United States-Moldova bilateral relationship.

4 (6) The Russian Federation has historically tar-
5 geted Moldova, seeking to undermine its democratic
6 institutions, weaponize energy supplies in Moldova
7 (including through Transnistria), and use Moldova
8 as a lynchpin of a wider campaign to expand its ma-
9 align influence and promote broader instability across
10 Europe and the world.

11 **SEC. 3. UNITED STATES-MOLDOVA STRATEGIC DIALOGUE.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall fa-
13 cilitate a strategic dialogue between the United States and
14 the Republic of Moldova to—

15 (1) advance bilateral priorities, including de-
16 fense and security cooperation;

17 (2) discuss Moldova’s progress towards Euro-
18 pean Union integration and ways the United States
19 can facilitate, through foreign assistance, invest-
20 ment, and public-private partnership, Moldova’s
21 process of accession to the European Union;

22 (3) strengthen economic and energy ties be-
23 tween Moldova and the United States, including ex-
24 panding United States Government support for the
25 Straseni-Gutinas transmission line project that will

1 provide opportunities for United States businesses,
2 strengthen Moldova’s energy independence, and en-
3 hance Moldovan and European energy security;

4 (4) reaffirm support for Moldova’s sovereignty
5 and territorial integrity within its internationally
6 recognized borders;

7 (5) expand support for the State Partnership
8 Program between Moldova and North Carolina; and

9 (6) expand and support State Department fa-
10 cilitated American Spaces in Moldova.

11 (b) FREQUENCY OF DIALOGUE.—The Secretary, in
12 partnership with the Government of Moldova, shall facili-
13 tate the strategic dialogue required in subsection (a) not
14 less frequently than annually.

15 **SEC. 4. STRATEGY TO PROMOTE MOLDOVA’S PRO-EURO-**
16 **PEAN FUTURE.**

17 Not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-
18 ment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to
19 the appropriate Congressional Committees a report that
20 includes—

21 (1) a 4-year strategy to—

22 (A) bolster United States-Moldovan bilat-
23 eral relations, including to advance the prior-
24 ities outlined in the strategic dialogue required
25 in section 3; and

1 (B) support Moldova’s process of accession
2 to the European Union and Moldova’s goal of
3 becoming a member of the European Union by
4 the year 2030, including through United States
5 foreign assistance that avoids conflicts with
6 Moldova’s obligations related to European
7 Union accession or agreements with inter-
8 national financial institutions or other official
9 creditors;

10 (2) a description of actions taken by the De-
11 partment of State to counter malign influence by the
12 Russian Federation and the People’s Republic of
13 China in Moldova since January 20, 2025;

14 (3) a list of active and cancelled foreign assist-
15 ance programs in or related to Moldova since Janu-
16 ary 20, 2025; and

17 (4) a description of actions taken by the De-
18 partment to support the accession of Moldova to the
19 European Union and expand, where appropriate and
20 within the interests of both the United States and
21 Moldova, Moldova’s cooperation with the North At-
22 lantic Treaty Organization.

23 **SEC. 5. MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN SANCTIONS.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
25 sion of law, any sanction imposed by the United States

1 and in effect on the date of the enactment of this Act
2 with respect to a person described in subsection (c) may
3 not be terminated until the Secretary of State and the Sec-
4 retary of the Treasury have, in addition to any other
5 measure required by law—

6 (1) submitted to the appropriate congressional
7 committees a written certification that the person
8 (or the immediate family member of such person, as
9 appropriate) is no longer engaging in the behavior
10 that caused the person to be subject to the sanction;

11 (2) briefed the appropriate congressional com-
12 mittees regarding such certification; and

13 (3) consulted with the appropriate congressional
14 committees regarding such certification.

15 (b) **INELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY.**—Notwithstanding
16 any other provision of law, including paragraph (3) of sec-
17 tion 7031(c) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022
18 (8 U.S.C. 1182 note), the Secretary may not waive or ter-
19 minate the application of paragraph (1) of such section
20 with respect to an individual described in subsection (c)
21 unless the Secretary has—

22 (1) submitted to the appropriate congressional
23 committees a written certification that the individual
24 (or the immediate family member of the individual,
25 as appropriate) is no longer engaging in significant

1 corruption or a gross violation of human rights de-
2 scribed in such section 7031(c)(1);

3 (2) provided to the appropriate congressional
4 committees a briefing regarding such certification;
5 and

6 (3) consulted with the appropriate congressional
7 committees regarding such certification.

8 (c) PERSONS DESCRIBED.—A person described in
9 this subsection is any of the following:

10 (1) Former member of the Moldovan Par-
11 liament Ilan Shor.

12 (2) The Shor Party.

13 (3) Former member of the Moldovan Par-
14 liament Vlad Plahotniuc.

15 (4) Igor Yuryevich Chayka.

16 (5) Ivan Alesksandrovich Zavorotnyi.

17 (6) Yuriy Igorevich Gudilin.

18 (7) Olga Yurievna Grak.

19 (8) Leonid Mikhailovich Gonin.

20 (9) Aleksei Valeryevich Troshin.

21 (10) Maksim Yakubets.

22 (11) The National Engineering Corporation
23 (commonly known as “NIK”).

24 (12) Any person with respect to whom sanc-
25 tions have been imposed by the United States due

1 to the relationship between such person and an indi-
2 vidual described in paragraphs (1) through (11).

3 **SEC. 6. CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.**

4 In this Act, the term “appropriate congressional com-
5 mittees” means—

6 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
7 House of Representatives; and

8 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
9 Senate.

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