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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SMITH of Washington (for himself and Mr. THORNBERRY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

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. ASSISTANCE AND SUSTAINMENT TO THE MILI-**
4 **TARY AND NATIONAL SECURITY FORCES OF**
5 **UKRAINE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense is au-
7 thorized, in coordination with the Secretary of State, to
8 provide assistance, including training, equipment, lethal

1 weapons of a defensive nature, logistics support, supplies
2 and services, and sustainment to the military and national
3 security forces of Ukraine, through September 30, 2017,
4 to assist the government of Ukraine for the following pur-
5 poses:

6 (1) Securing its sovereign territory against for-
7 eign aggressors.

8 (2) Protecting and defending the Ukrainian
9 people from attacks posed by Russian-backed sepa-
10 ratists.

11 (3) Promoting the conditions for a negotiated
12 settlement to end the conflict.

13 (b) NOTICE BEFORE PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE.—
14 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated under this Act,
15 not more than 10 percent of such funds may be obligated
16 or expended until not later than 15 days after the Sec-
17 retary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of
18 State, submits to the appropriate congressional commit-
19 tees a report in unclassified form with a classified annex
20 as appropriate that contains a description of the plan for
21 providing such assistance, including a description of the
22 types of training and equipment to be provided, the esti-
23 mated number and role of United States Armed Forces
24 personnel involved, the potential or actual locations of any
25 training, and any other relevant details.

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

9 (1) Updates or changes to the plan required
10 under subsection (b).

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

14 (3) A description of the equipment provided
15 under this Act during the preceding 90-day period,
16 including a detailed breakout of any lethal assistance
17 provided.

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

20 (d) VETTING.—The Secretary of Defense, in coordi-
21 nation with the Secretary of State, shall ensure that all
22 assistance provided under this Act is carried out in full
23 accordance with the provisions of section 2249e of title
24 10, United States Code.

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

3 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
4 Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee
5 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives;
6 and

7 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
8 Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Committee
9 on Appropriations of the Senate.

10 (f) FUNDING.—To carry out the provisions of this
11 Act, there are authorized to be appropriated
12 \$1,000,000,000. Amounts authorized to be appropriated
13 under this subsection are authorized to remain available
14 until September 30, 2017.

15 (g) AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT CONTRIBUTIONS.—The
16 Secretary of Defense may accept and retain contributions,
17 including in-kind contributions, from foreign governments,
18 to provide assistance authorized under subsection (a). Any
19 funds so accepted by the Secretary may be credited to the
20 account from which funds are made available to provide
21 assistance authorized under subsection (a) and may re-
22 main available to provide assistance authorized under sub-
23 section (a) until September 30, 2017.

24 (h) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
25 tion shall be construed to constitute a specific statutory

1 authorization for the introduction of United States Armed
2 Forces into hostilities or into situations in which hostilities
3 are clearly indicated by the circumstances.