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At the end of subtitle D of title XII, add the following new section:

SEC. 12. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON RUSSIAN INTERFERENCE IN THE 2016 UNITED STATES ELECTION.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) On January 6, 2017, the Director of National Intelligence released an unclassified report on Russian interference in the United States election. The report concluded: “We assess Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered an influence campaign in 2016 aimed at the US presidential election.”.

(2) On January 12, 2017, President Trump’s nominee to be the Director of Central Intelligence, Mike Pompeo, affirmed the conclusions of the report, stating: “Everything I’ve seen suggests to me that the report has an analytical product that is sound.”

(3) Pompeo further stated on June 24, 2017, Russia “meddled” in last year’s United States presi-
dential election as part of a decades-long effort to
“undermine American democracy”.

(4) On Feb. 16, 2017, Defense Secretary
James Mattis stated “there is very little doubt”
Russia interfered in the United States and other
elections.

(5) On April 2, 2017, Ambassador Nikki Haley,
stated she believes Russia interfered in the United
States election: “Certainly, I think Russia was in-
volved in the election. There’s no question about
that”.

(6) Haley further stated: “We don’t want any
country involved in our elections, ever. . . We need
to be very strong on that.”.

(7) On May 14, 2017, Secretary of State Rex
Tillerson stated that Russian interference in the
2016 United States election has been “well docu-
mented”. Tillerson further stated: “I don’t think
there’s any question that the Russians were playing
around in our electoral processes.”.

(8) Donald Trump during the campaign denied
Russia’s involvement, claiming in September 2016:
“It could be Russia, but it could also be China. It
could also be lots of other people. It also could be
somebody sitting on their bed that weighs 400 pounds.”.

(9) President-elect Trump then stated on January 11, 2017, “As far as hacking, I think it was Russia.”.

(10) On April 30, 2017, President Trump reversed himself and disavowed the conclusion that Russia hacked the United States election. He stated: “Could’ve been China, could’ve been a lot of different groups.”.

(11) In contradiction to the statements made by numerous cabinet members and the Director of National Intelligence, on July 6, 2017, President Trump stated while visiting Poland that “nobody really knows for sure” what happened with respect to Russian interference in the election.

(12) In a Cabinet meeting on June 13, 2017, Ambassador Haley stated: “People know what the United States is for. They know what we are against. And they see us in a new way across the board. I think the international community knows we are back.”.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the Congress that—
(1) President Trump has refused to unequivocally acknowledge Russia’s hacking of the 2016 United States election, undermining the conclusions of the intelligence community and his own cabinet members;

(2) in contrast to Ambassador Haley’s statements, the world community does not know where the United States stands on key issues, epitomized by the President’s contradictory statements on the Russia’s hacking of the 2016 United States election; and

(3) President Trump’s refusal to outright defend United States democracy from Russia’s hacking of the 2016 United States election, one day before a meeting with Russian President Putin, undermines United States credibility, hinders deterrence, and challenges United States standing with key allies.