

AMENDMENT TO
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At the end of subtitle A of title XVIII, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 18___. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO**
2 **FOREIGN PERSONS ENDANGERING INTEG-**
3 **RITY OR SAFETY OF ZAPORZHZIA NUCLEAR**
4 **POWER PLANT.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

6 (1) On February 24, 2022, the Government of
7 the Russian Federation, led by Vladimir Putin,
8 launched an unprovoked, full-scale invasion of
9 Ukraine.

10 (2) Russian forces have illegally occupied the
11 Zaporzhzhia nuclear power plant, the largest nuclear
12 power plant in Europe, and have placed Russian
13 military equipment within the power plant.

14 (3) Officials from the Russian Federations
15 State Atomic Energy Corporation “Rosatom” have
16 been present at the plant since March 2022 and
17 have requested information on confidential issues re-
18 garding the plant’s operations.

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

8 (5) The Director General has stated that failing
9 to demilitarize the Zaporzhzhia nuclear power plant
10 is “playing with fire”.

11 (6) In May 2023, Russia evacuated citizens
12 from the region around Zaporzhzhia, including per-
13 sonnel who operate the plant, further exacerbating
14 concerns about the plant’s stability and safety.

15 (b) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall impose
17 the sanctions described in paragraph (2) with re-
18 spect to any foreign person that the President deter-
19 mines has endangered the integrity or safety, or un-
20 dermined Ukrainian operational control, of the
21 Zaporzhzhia Nuclear Power Station located in
22 southeastern Ukraine since the Russian Federation
23 launched an unprovoked, full-scale invasion of
24 Ukraine.

1 (2) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions de-
2 scribed in this paragraph are the following:

3 (A) ASSET BLOCKING.—Notwithstanding
4 the requirements of section 202 of the Inter-
5 national Emergency Economic Powers Act (50
6 U.S.C. 1701), the President may exercise all
7 powers granted to the President by that Act to
8 the extent necessary to block and prohibit all
9 transactions in all property and interests in
10 property of the foreign person if such property
11 and interests in property are in the United
12 States, come within the United States, or are or
13 come within the possession or control of a
14 United States person.

15 (B) VISAS, ADMISSION, OR PAROLE.—

16 (i) IN GENERAL.—An alien who the
17 Secretary of State or the Secretary of
18 Homeland Security (or a designee of one of
19 such Secretaries) knows, or has reason to
20 believe, is described in paragraph (1) is—

21 (I) inadmissible to the United

22 States;

23 (II) ineligible for a visa or other
24 documentation to enter the United
25 States; and

1 (III) otherwise ineligible to be
2 admitted or paroled into the United
3 States or to receive any other benefit
4 under the Immigration and Nation-
5 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).

6 (ii) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—

7 (I) IN GENERAL.—The issuing
8 consular officer, the Secretary of
9 State, or the Secretary of Homeland
10 Security (or a designee of one of such
11 Secretaries) shall, in accordance with
12 section 221(i) of the Immigration and
13 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1201(i)),
14 revoke any visa or other entry docu-
15 mentation issued to an alien described
16 in clause (i) regardless of when the
17 visa or other entry documentation is
18 issued.

19 (II) EFFECT OF REVOCATION.—

20 A revocation under subclause (I)—

21 (aa) shall take effect imme-
22 diately; and

23 (bb) shall automatically can-
24 cel any other valid visa or entry

1 documentation that is in the
2 alien's possession.

3 (3) EXCEPTIONS.—

4 (A) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH INTER-
5 NATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.—Sanctions under
6 paragraph (2)(B) shall not apply with respect
7 to the admission of an alien if admitting or pa-
8 roling the alien into the United States is nec-
9 essary to permit the United States to comply
10 with the Agreement regarding the Head-
11 quarters of the United Nations, signed at Lake
12 Success June 26, 1947, and entered into force
13 November 21, 1947, between the United Na-
14 tions and the United States, or other applicable
15 international obligations.

16 (B) EXCEPTION RELATING TO THE PROVI-
17 SION OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.—Sanc-
18 tions under this section may not be imposed
19 with respect to transactions or the facilitation
20 of transactions for—

21 (i) the sale of agricultural commod-
22 ities, food, medicine, or medical devices;

23 (ii) the provision of humanitarian as-
24 sistance;

1 (iii) financial transactions relating to
2 humanitarian assistance; or

3 (iv) transporting goods or services
4 that are necessary to carry out operations
5 relating to humanitarian assistance.

6 (C) EXCEPTION RELATED TO UKRAINIAN
7 OPERATIONAL CONTROL.—Sanctions under this
8 section shall not apply to any foreign person
9 seeking to reestablish Ukrainian operational
10 control of the Zaporzhzhia Nuclear Power Sta-
11 tion or the surrounding region.

12 (4) IMPLEMENTATION; PENALTIES.—

13 (A) IMPLEMENTATION.—The President
14 may exercise all authorities provided to the
15 President under sections 203 and 205 of the
16 International Emergency Economic Powers Act
17 (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704) to carry out this
18 section.

19 (B) PENALTIES.—The penalties provided
20 for in subsections (b) and (c) of section 206 of
21 the International Emergency Economic Powers
22 Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) shall apply to a person
23 that violates, attempts to violate, conspires to
24 violate, or causes a violation of this section or
25 regulations promulgated to carry out this sec-

1 tion to the same extent that such penalties
2 apply to a person that commits an unlawful act
3 described in section 206(a) of that Act.

4 (5) WAIVER.—The President may waive the ap-
5 plication of sanctions imposed with respect to a for-
6 eign person under this section if the President cer-
7 tifies to the appropriate congressional committees
8 not later than 15 days before such waiver is to take
9 effect that the waiver is vital to the national security
10 interests of the United States.

11 (6) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (A) The term “appropriate congressional
13 committees” means the Committee on Foreign
14 Affairs of the House of Representatives and the
15 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

16 (B) The term “foreign person” means an
17 individual or entity that is not a United States
18 person.

19 (C) The term “United States person”
20 means—

21 (i) a United States citizen;

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

24 (iii) an entity organized under the
25 laws of the United States or of any juris-

- 1 diction within the United States, including
- 2 a foreign branch of such an entity; or
- 3 (iv) a person in the United States.

