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To amend title 28, United States Code, to limit the availability of civil actions affected by United States sanctions, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUNT (for himself, Mr. IVEY, Mr. ISSA, Mr. NADLER, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Ms. LEE of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Protecting Americans
5 from Russian Litigation Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

7 It is the policy of the United States—

8 (1) to ensure that United States persons are
9 not disadvantaged for actions or omissions under-

1 taken to comply with United States sanctions and
2 export controls; and

3 (2) to ensure that foreign persons, or those act-
4 ing on their behalf, cannot obtain compensation for
5 any action directly or indirectly related to United
6 States persons attempting in good faith to comply
7 with their obligations under United States sanctions.

8 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON CIVIL ACTIONS AFFECTED BY**
9 **UNITED STATES SANCTIONS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 111 of title 28, United
11 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
12 lowing:

13 **“§ 1660. Limitation on civil actions affected by United**
14 **States sanctions**

15 “(a) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding any provision of
16 law, a person may not bring a civil action in Federal court
17 to obtain relief for a claim where—

18 “(1) the underlying conduct or circumstances
19 giving rise to the claim resulted from the imposition
20 of United States sanctions impeding the perform-
21 ance of a contract (whether directly or indirectly, or
22 in whole or in part); and

23 “(2) the United States sanctions described in
24 paragraph (1) went into effect after the date on
25 which the contract was executed.

1 “(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
2 tion may be construed to limit—

3 “(1) the authority of the President, or any dele-
4 gate of the President (including the Office of For-
5 eign Asset Control of the Department of the Treas-
6 ury), to restrict or authorize legal services, to enter
7 into a settlement agreement, or to enforce any lien,
8 judgment, arbitral award, decree, or other order
9 through execution, garnishment, or other judicial
10 process; or

11 “(2) any right, remedy, or cause of action avail-
12 able to a victim of international terrorism, torture,
13 extrajudicial killing, aircraft sabotage, or hostage
14 taking, who is, or was at the time of the victim’s in-
15 jury, a national of the United States, a member of
16 the United States Armed Forces, an employee of the
17 United States Government, or an individual per-
18 forming a contract awarded by the United States
19 Government acting within the scope of their employ-
20 ment, or a family member of any such victim, under
21 any applicable State or Federal law, including—

22 “(A) chapter 97 of this title;

23 “(B) chapter 113B of title 18; and

24 “(C) the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria
25 Human Rights Act of 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8701 et

1 seq.), and any other laws providing for the ap-
2 plication of sanctions with respect to Iran or
3 Syria.

4 “(c) UNITED STATES SANCTIONS DEFINED.—In this
5 section, the term ‘United States sanctions’ means any pro-
6 hibition, restriction, or condition on transactions involving
7 property in which any foreign country or national thereof
8 has an interest that is imposed by the United States to
9 address threats to the national security, foreign policy, or
10 economy of the United States pursuant to—

11 “(1) section 203 of the International Emer-
12 gency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702); or

13 “(2) any other provision of law, including any
14 export controls.”.

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