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Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania (for herself and Mr. BARR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “No Illegal Oil from
5 Russia Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. DIPLOMATIC STRATEGY TO ENHANCE INTER-**
7 **NATIONAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE RUSSIAN**
8 **OIL PRICE CAP POLICY.**

9 (a) STRATEGY.—Not later than 180 days after the
10 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State and

1 the Secretary of the Treasury shall jointly submit to the
2 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representa-
3 tives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-
4 ate a strategy to enhance international compliance with
5 the Russian oil price cap policy.

6 (b) MATTERS.—The strategy under subsection (a)
7 shall include—

8 (1) an overview of general international compli-
9 ance with the Russian oil price cap policy;

10 (2) a list of the countries known to have pur-
11 chased significant quantities of Russian oil at prices
12 above the price agreed to in the Russian oil price
13 cap policy set forth by the Group of Seven (“G7”)
14 nations;

15 (3) any known methods used by such countries
16 to avoid detection of their purchases of Russian oil
17 at prices above the price agreed to in the Russian
18 oil price cap policy;

19 (4) an assessment of possible incentives the
20 United States could provide to countries listed pur-
21 suant to paragraph (2) to encourage compliance
22 with the Russian oil price cap policy;

23 (5) an assessment of whether the imposition of
24 additional sanctions, including possible secondary

1 sanctions, would enhance international compliance
2 with the Russian oil price cap policy;

3 (6) a description of the views of the government
4 of each country participating in the Russian oil price
5 cap policy regarding whether the price cap under
6 such policy should be lowered or not; and

7 (7) a description of the United States diplo-
8 matic engagement with the government of each
9 country participating in the Russian oil price cap
10 policy regarding the appropriateness of the current
11 cap, including any diplomatic engagement intended
12 to encourage support for the lowering of the price
13 cap.

14 **SEC. 3. REPORTS ON GLOBAL IMPACT OF THE RUSSIAN OIL**
15 **PRICE CAP POLICY.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the
17 date of enactment of this Act, and every 90 days there-
18 after until the date described in subsection (d), the Sec-
19 retary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of the
20 Treasury and the Secretary of Energy, shall submit to the
21 appropriate congressional committees a report on the glob-
22 al impact of the Russian oil price cap policy.

23 (b) ELEMENTS.—Each report under subsection (a)
24 shall include an analysis of the impact of the Russian oil
25 price cap policy during the 90-day period covered by the

1 report, and a forecast of such impact over the subsequent
2 180 days, with respect to the following metrics:

3 (1) Global crude oil prices, including a compari-
4 son of global crude oil prices over time since Decem-
5 ber 2022, and the price set in the oil price cap pol-
6 icy.

7 (2) The volume and sale price of Russian crude
8 and refined oil product exports.

9 (3) Revenue earned by the Russian Federation
10 through exports of oil products.

11 (4) Russian oil production levels.

12 (5) Revenue collected by entities located in a
13 G7 country, the European Union, or Australia that
14 provide maritime services including—

15 (A) trading and commodities brokering;

16 (B) financing;

17 (C) shipping;

18 (D) insurance, including reinsurance and
19 protection and indemnity; and

20 (E) flagging; and customs brokering.

21 (6) The economies of G7 countries, member
22 states of the European Union, and Australia.

23 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
24 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
25 sional committees” means—

1 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
2 the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of
3 the Senate; and

4 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
5 Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House
6 of Representatives.

7 (d) SUNSET.—The date described in this subsection
8 is the earlier of the following:

9 (1) The date that is 3 years after the date of
10 enactment of this Act.

11 (2) The date on which the Russian oil price cap
12 policy ceases to be in effect.

13 **SEC. 4. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
15 date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall, pur-
16 suant to subsection (b), block the assets of any foreign
17 person that the President determines is a foreign vessel
18 that knowingly transports Russian oil in contravention of
19 the Russian oil price cap policy.

20 (b) ASSET BLOCKING.—Notwithstanding the require-
21 ments of section 202 of the International Emergency Eco-
22 nomic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701), the President may
23 exercise all powers granted to the President by that Act
24 to the extent necessary to block and prohibit all trans-
25 actions in all property and interests in property of the for-

1 eign person if such property and interests in property are
2 in the United States, come within the United States, or
3 are or come within the possession or control of a United
4 States person.

5 (c) EXCEPTIONS.—

6 (1) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN GOVERNMENT
7 ENTITIES.—Sanctions under this section shall not
8 apply with respect to a vessel registered under the
9 jurisdiction of—

10 (A) a member country of the European
11 Union;

12 (B) Australia; or

13 (C) a G7 country.

14 (2) EXCEPTION RELATING TO THE PROVISION
15 OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.—Sanctions under
16 this section may not be imposed with respect to
17 transactions or the facilitation of transactions for—

18 (A) the provision of humanitarian assist-
19 ance; and

20 (B) transporting goods or services that are
21 necessary to carry out operations relating to
22 humanitarian assistance or humanitarian pur-
23 poses;

24 (3) EXCEPTION FOR SAFETY OF VESSELS AND
25 CREW.—Sanctions under this section shall not apply

1 with respect to a person providing provisions to a
2 vessel otherwise subject to sanctions under this sec-
3 tion if such provisions are intended for the safety
4 and care of the crew aboard the vessel, the protec-
5 tion of human life aboard the vessel, or the mainte-
6 nance of the vessel to avoid any environmental or
7 other significant damage.

8 (4) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH NATIONAL
9 SECURITY.—The following activities shall be exempt
10 from sanctions under this section:

11 (A) Activities subject to the reporting re-
12 quirements under title V of the National Secu-
13 rity Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3091 et seq.).

14 (B) Any authorized intelligence, law en-
15 forcement, or other national security activities
16 of the United States.

17 (d) NATIONAL INTEREST WAIVER.—The President
18 may waive the application of sanctions under this section
19 with respect to a person if the President—

20 (1) determines that the waiver is in the national
21 interests of the United States; and

22 (2) submits to the appropriate congressional
23 committees a report on the waiver and the reasons
24 for the waiver.

25 (e) IMPLEMENTATION; PENALTIES.—

1 (1) IMPLEMENTATION.—The President may ex-
2 ercise all authorities provided to the President under
3 sections 203 and 205 of the International Emer-
4 gency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and
5 1704) to carry out this section.

6 (2) PENALTIES.—A person that violates, at-
7 tempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes vio-
8 lation of this section or any regulation, license, or
9 order issued to carry out this section shall be subject
10 to the penalties set forth in subsections (b) and (c)
11 of section 206 of International Emergency Economic
12 Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) to the same extent as
13 a person that commits an unlawful act described in
14 subsection (a) of that section.

15 (f) SUNSET.—The authority to impose sanctions
16 under this section shall terminate on the date that is the
17 earlier of the following:

18 (1) The date that is 5 years after the date of
19 the enactment of this Act.

20 (2) The date on which the Russian oil price cap
21 policy ceases to be in effect.

22 (g) CONSULTATIONS.—Prior to the imposition of
23 sanctions under this section, the Secretary of State shall
24 consult with the appropriate counterparts of the Govern-
25 ments of Australia, G7 countries, and member countries

1 of the European Union with respect to the imposition of
2 sanctions.

3 (h) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
4 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-
5 gressional committees” means—

6 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
7 the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Af-
8 fairs of the Senate; and

9 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
10 Committee on Financial Services of the House of
11 Representatives.

12 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

13 In this Act:

14 (1) FOREIGN PERSON.—The term “foreign per-
15 son” means a person that is not a United States
16 person.

17 (2) KNOWINGLY.—The term “knowingly,” with
18 respect to conduct, a circumstance, or a result,
19 means that a person has actual knowledge, or should
20 have known, of the conduct, the circumstance, or the
21 result.

22 (3) RUSSIAN OIL PRICE CAP POLICY.— The
23 term “Russian oil price cap policy” means the agree-
24 ment between the United States, other G7 countries,
25 the European Union, and Australia announced in

1 December 2022 to ban a range of services related to
2 the maritime transport of crude oil of Russian Fed-
3 eration origin unless purchasers buy the oil at or
4 below \$60 per barrel, and any subsequent revisions
5 to that agreement.

6 (4) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term
7 “United States person” means—

8 (A) a United States citizen or an alien law-
9 fully admitted for permanent residence to the
10 United States;

11 (B) an entity organized under the laws of
12 the United States or any jurisdiction within the
13 United States, including a foreign branch of
14 such an entity; or

15 (C) any person located in the United
16 States.

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