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To require a report on Eastern Frontier infrastructure readiness.

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Mr. SELF introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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readiness.

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 “Eastern Frontier De-
5 fense Infrastructure Readiness Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

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

8 (1) The Government of the Russian Federation
9 continues to pose a long-term threat to Euro-Atlan-
10 tic security, as reaffirmed by allies in the Hague
11 Summit Declaration issued on June 25, 2025.

1 (2) Under that Declaration, allies of the North
2 Atlantic Treaty Organization committed to invest
3 five percent of gross domestic product annually on
4 core defense requirements and on defense- and secu-
5 rity-related spending by 2035, of which up to 1.5
6 percent is to be accounted for to protect critical in-
7 frastructure, defend networks, ensure civil prepared-
8 ness and resilience, unleash innovation, and
9 strengthen the defense industrial base.

10 (3) The Supreme Allied Commander-Europe,
11 has identified military mobility, host-nation infra-
12 structure, and theater-wide resilience as essential to
13 executing the Alliance’s new family of regional de-
14 fense plans approved at the 2023 Vilnius Summit.

15 (4) Allies located on the Eastern Frontier of
16 the Alliance bear disproportionate first-responder re-
17 sponsibilities under those plans and require infra-
18 structure that can sustain large-scale reinforcement,
19 sustainment, and combat operations in the event of
20 conflict with the Russian Federation. Gaps in trans-
21 portation, energy, communications, and financial in-
22 frastructure along the Eastern Frontier directly af-
23 fect the ability of the United States Armed Forces
24 and the forces of other allies to deter aggression
25 and, if necessary, to defend allied territory.

1 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
2 gress that the United States has a vital national security
3 interest in the timely and verifiable integration of the in-
4 frastructure of Eastern Frontier allies with the require-
5 ments of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

6 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON EASTERN FRONTIER INFRASTRUCTURE**
7 **READINESS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-
10 fense, in coordination with the Secretary of State and in
11 consultation with the Supreme Allied Commander-Europe,
12 shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees
13 a report on the progress of each Eastern Frontier ally in
14 integrating its national infrastructure with the North At-
15 lantic Treaty Organization (NATO) infrastructure re-
16 quirements.

17 (b) CONTENTS.—The report required by subsection
18 (a) shall include the following:

19 (1) For each Eastern Frontier ally, an assess-
20 ment of such ally's progress, as of the date of the
21 report, in meeting NATO infrastructure require-
22 ments, including—

23 (A) transportation infrastructure, includ-
24 ing roads, bridges, rail, ports, inland water-
25 ways, and airfields, with particular attention to

1 military-mobility corridors and dual-use capac-
2 ity;

3 (B) energy infrastructure, including pipe-
4 lines, refineries, electricity generation and
5 transmission, fuel storage, and grid inter-
6 connections;

7 (C) communications and digital infrastruc-
8 ture, including telecommunications networks,
9 undersea cables, satellite ground stations, and
10 cybersecurity of national networks;

11 (D) financial systems infrastructure, in-
12 cluding the resilience and continuity of pay-
13 ment, clearing, and settlement systems nec-
14 essary to sustain mobilization, host-nation sup-
15 port, and Alliance operations;

16 (E) civil preparedness and resilience, in-
17 cluding water, medical, and emergency-services
18 infrastructure; and

19 (F) defense industrial base infrastructure,
20 including munitions production, maintenance
21 and overhaul capacity, and storage.

22 (2) An assessment of the ally's progress toward,
23 and the credibility of its plan to reach, the 1.5 per-
24 cent of gross domestic product commitment de-
25 scribed in section 2(a)(2), including a description of

1 the categories of expenditure being counted toward
2 that commitment and whether such expenditure is
3 materially improving infrastructure relevant to Alli-
4 ance defense plans.

5 (3) An identification of the most consequential
6 infrastructure shortfalls, including any shortfall that
7 would, in the event of conflict with the Russian Fed-
8 eration—

9 (A) impede the timely reinforcement of the
10 ally by United States forces or by other allied
11 forces;

12 (B) impede the sustainment of combat op-
13 erations in the ally's territory; or

14 (C) create a single point of failure exploit-
15 able by the Russian Federation, including
16 through cyber or sabotage operations.

17 (4) Recommendations to address the shortfalls
18 identified under paragraph (3), including—

19 (A) recommended adjustments to United
20 States security cooperation programs under
21 chapter 16 of title 10, United States Code;

22 (B) recommended prioritization within the
23 European Deterrence Initiative;

24 (C) recommended use of authorities under
25 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the

1 Arms Export Control Act, in coordination with
2 the Secretary of State;

3 (D) opportunities for cost-sharing with the
4 ally, with the Alliance through the NATO Secu-
5 rity Investment Program, or with the European
6 Union; and

7 (E) any legislative recommendations the
8 Secretary of Defense considers appropriate.

9 (5) A description of Russian Federation activi-
10 ties, including cyber operations, sabotage, and hy-
11 brid operations, targeting the infrastructure de-
12 scribed in paragraph (1).

13 (c) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
14 shall be submitted in unclassified form, and may contain
15 a classified annex.

16 **SEC. 4. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
18 date on which the report required under section 3(a) is
19 submitted, the Comptroller General of the United States
20 shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees
21 a review of that report.

22 (b) CONTENTS.—The review required under sub-
23 section (a) shall include—

24 (1) an independent assessment of the method-
25 ology, data sources, and analytic rigor of the report

1 and an evaluation of the extent to which the rec-
2 ommendations in the report are supported by the
3 underlying findings;

4 (2) an assessment of the extent to which ex-
5 penditures counted by Eastern Frontier allies to-
6 ward the 1.5 percent of gross domestic product com-
7 mitment are materially improving North Atlantic
8 Treaty Organization infrastructure requirements;
9 and

10 (3) any recommendations of the Comptroller
11 General to improve the prioritization of United
12 States security assistance and security cooperation
13 for Eastern Frontier allies.

14 (c) FORM.—The review required by subsection (a)
15 shall be submitted in unclassified form, and may contain
16 a classified annex.

17 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND**
18 **SECURITY COOPERATION PRIORITIZATION.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense is au-
20 thorized to prioritize security assistance in the European
21 Deterrence Initiative, and in programming security co-
22 operation activities under chapter 16 of title 10, United
23 States Code, for Eastern Frontier allies.

24 (b) ANNUAL BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days
25 after the date of the submission of the President’s budget

1 under section 1105 of title 31, United States Code, for
2 each of fiscal years 2028 through 2032, the Secretary of
3 Defense shall provide to the appropriate congressional
4 committees a briefing on the manner in which the budget
5 request implements subsection (a).

6 **SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) The term “appropriate congressional com-
9 mittees” means—

10 (A) the Committees on Armed Services,
11 Foreign Affairs, and Appropriations of the
12 House of Representatives; and

13 (B) the Committees on Armed Services,
14 Foreign Relations, and Appropriations of the
15 Senate.

16 (2) The term “Eastern Frontier ally” means
17 each of the following member states of the North At-
18 lantic Treaty Organization:

19 (A) The Republic of Estonia.

20 (B) The Republic of Latvia.

21 (C) The Republic of Lithuania.

22 (D) The Republic of Poland.

23 (E) The Czech Republic.

24 (F) The Slovak Republic.

25 (G) Hungary.

- 1 (H) Romania.
- 2 (I) The Republic of Bulgaria.
- 3 (J) The Republic of Finland.
- 4 (K) The Kingdom of Sweden.
- 5 (L) The Kingdom of Norway.

