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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. SÁNCHEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

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 “Respect NATO allies
5 Act”.

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

7 It is the sense of Congress that—

1 (1) the North Atlantic Treaty Organization
2 (commonly referred to as “NATO”) alliance, includ-
3 ing the principle of collective defense in article 5 of
4 the North Atlantic Treaty (commonly known as the
5 “Washington Treaty”), is critically important to the
6 national security of the United States;

7 (2) against the backdrop of the rising threats
8 posed by the People’s Republic of China and the
9 Russian Federation, North American and European
10 security is best assured when working through the
11 NATO alliance;

12 (3) prioritizing Arctic security is a shared
13 transatlantic interest and the United States is com-
14 mitted to supporting and facilitating cooperation
15 among NATO Member Countries to improve security
16 outcomes in the Arctic region;

17 (4) security in the Arctic must be achieved col-
18 lectively, through cooperation and deterrence, and by
19 upholding the principles of the United Nations Char-
20 ter, including sovereignty, territorial integrity, and
21 the inviolability of borders;

22 (5) the United States is committed to respect-
23 ing the democratic sovereignty of NATO Member
24 States and NATO protected territories, as outlined
25 in Article 6 of the Washington Treaty; and

1 (6) at a time of growing threats and strategic
2 competition, the United States must continue to le-
3 verage NATO, its unique platform with Trans-
4 atlantic Partners, to promote Allied cohesion and
5 solve our differences through dialogue and coopera-
6 tion, in the spirit of the North Atlantic Treaty.

7 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL FOR IMPOSITION OR**
8 **ALTERATION OF CERTAIN TARIFFS, DUTIES,**
9 **QUOTAS, OR TARIFF-RATE QUOTAS WITH RE-**
10 **SPECT TO ARTICLES IMPORTED INTO UNITED**
11 **STATES FROM NATO ALLY.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by subsection
13 (b), the President, on or after the date of the enactment
14 of this Act, may not impose or increase any tariff or other
15 duty or reduce any quota or tariff-rate quota with respect
16 to an article imported into the United States from a
17 NATO ally, unless there is enacted into law a joint resolu-
18 tion of approval under section 3 with respect to such im-
19 position, increase, or reduction.

20 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—The requirement under sub-
21 section (a) shall not apply with respect to—

22 (1) antidumping and countervailing duties im-
23 posed or increased under title VII of the Tariff Act
24 of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1671 et seq.);

1 (2) duties imposed or increased or quotas or
2 tariff-rate quotas reduced under chapter 1 of title II
3 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2251 et seq.);
4 or

5 (3) duties imposed or increased consistent with
6 a ruling authorizing the suspension of benefits or
7 concessions on the part of the United States issued
8 by—

9 (A) a dispute settlement panel constituted
10 under a bilateral or plurilateral free trade
11 agreement for which explicit congressional ap-
12 proval pursuant to the requirements of section
13 151 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2191)
14 has been enacted before the date of the enact-
15 ment of this Act, on which the United States is
16 a party; or

17 (B) a dispute settlement panel described in
18 section 123 of the Uruguay Rounds Agreement
19 Act (19 U.S.C. 3533) on which the United
20 States is a party.

21 (c) NATO ALLY DEFINED.—In this section, the term
22 “NATO ally”—

23 (1) means a country that is a member of the
24 North Atlantic Treaty Organization; and

1 (2) includes any territory to which Article 5 of
2 the North Atlantic Treaty (commonly known as the
3 “Washington Treaty”) applies, including any terri-
4 tory described in Article 6 of such treaty.

5 **SEC. 4. JOINT RESOLUTION PROCEDURES.**

6 (a) JOINT RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL DEFINED.—
7 For purposes of this Act, the term “joint resolution of ap-
8 proval” means only a joint resolution, the sole matter after
9 the resolving clause of which is as follows: “That Congress
10 approves _____ imposed with respect to _____.”, with
11 the first blank space being filled with a description of the
12 proposed action with respect to the article and the second
13 blank space being filled with a description of the article.

14 (b) INTRODUCTION OF JOINT RESOLUTION OF AP-
15 PROVAL.—A joint resolution of approval may be intro-
16 duced in either House of Congress by any Member.

17 (c) EXPEDITED PROCEDURES.—The provisions of
18 subsections (b) through (f) of section 152 of the Trade
19 Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2192) shall apply to a joint resolu-
20 tion of approval described in subsection (a) to the same
21 extent that such subsections apply to joint resolutions
22 under such section 152.

23 (d) RULES OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
24 REPRESENTATIVES.—This section is enacted by Con-
25 gress—

1 (1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of
2 the Senate and the House of Representatives, re-
3 spectively, and as such is deemed a part of the rules
4 of each House, respectively, but applicable only with
5 respect to the procedure to be followed in that
6 House in the case of a joint resolution of approval,
7 and supersedes other rules only to the extent that it
8 is inconsistent with such rules; and
9 (2) with full recognition of the constitutional
10 right of either House to change the rules (so far as
11 relating to the procedure of that House) at any time,
12 in the same manner, and to the same extent as in
13 the case of any other rule of that House.