

116TH CONGRESS
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To limit the transfer of F-35 aircraft to Turkey.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. TILLIS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Protecting NATO
5 Skies Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON TRANSFER OF F-35 AIRCRAFT TO**
7 **TURKEY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under sub-
9 section (b), no funds may be obligated or expended—

1 (1) such a purchase would constitute a signifi-
2 cant transaction within the meaning of section
3 231(a) of the Countering Russian Influence in Eu-
4 rope and Eurasia Act of 2017 (title II of Public Law
5 115–44; 22 U.S.C. 9525(a));

6 (2) such a purchase would endanger the integ-
7 rity of the NATO alliance;

8 (3) such a purchase would adversely affect on-
9 going operations of the United States Armed Forces,
10 including coalition operations in which the United
11 States Armed Forces participate;

12 (4) such a purchase would result in a signifi-
13 cant impact to defense cooperation between the
14 United States and Turkey;

15 (5) such a purchase would significantly increase
16 the risk of compromising United States defense sys-
17 tems and operational capabilities; and

18 (6) the President should faithfully execute the
19 Countering Russian Influence in Europe and Eur-
20 asia Act of 2017 by imposing and applying sanctions
21 under section 235 of that Act (22 U.S.C. 9529) with
22 respect to any individual or entity determined to
23 have engaged in such significant transaction as if
24 such person were a sanctioned person for purposes
25 of such section.