

AMENDMENT TO _____
OFFERED BY MR. PFLUGER OF TEXAS

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

1 **SEC. __. STRATEGY TO STRENGTHEN UNITED STATES AND**
2 **EUROPEAN ENERGY INDEPENDENCE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,
5 in consultation with the Secretary of Treasury, the Sec-
6 retary of Commerce, the Secretary of Energy, the Sec-
7 retary of Defense, and the Secretary of the Interior, shall
8 submit to Congress a strategy detailing the use of diplo-
9 matic, financial, and economic means to strengthen
10 United States energy independence, and work with the
11 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and other
12 allies and partners, to make countries in the European
13 continent less dependent on Russian oil and gas.

14 (b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required by subsection
15 (a) shall contain the following elements:

16 (1) A description of how the reduction of regu-
17 latory barriers to domestic energy production could
18 assist in these objectives.

19 (2) A description of how economic sanctions can
20 be utilized to counter the Russian Federation's at-

1 tempts to make Europe dependent on Russian oil
2 and gas, including a description on how the Presi-
3 dent will end waivers provided pursuant to the Pro-
4 tecting European Energy Security through Sanc-
5 tions Act in connection with the Nord Stream 2
6 pipeline.

7 (3) A description of how sanctions on Russia's
8 financial sector, including on multiple major banks
9 and financial systems within the Russian Federa-
10 tion, could be utilized to counter Russia's energy ex-
11 ports to Europe.

12 (4) A description of how the President will use
13 economic sanctions to permanently and irreversibly
14 stop the Nord Stream 2 pipeline, prevent its con-
15 struction, and punish all persons and entities re-
16 sponsible for its attempted construction, operation,
17 or development.

18 (5) A description of how diplomatic efforts
19 could be utilized to bring together our European and
20 NATO allies, including Germany, to permanently
21 and irreversibly stop the Nord Stream 2 pipeline.

22 (6) A description of how Russia's growing rela-
23 tionship with China and Iran in the energy sector ef-
24 fects United States security interests.

1 (7) A description of how the President will end
2 the moratorium on oil and gas leases on public land.

3 (8) A description of how diplomatic efforts
4 could be utilized to promote dialogue within the Eu-
5 ropean Union on their efforts to diversify their nat-
6 ural gas supply through the Southern Gas Corridor.

