

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 1616  
OFFERED BY MR. KEATING OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “European Energy Se-  
3       curity and Diversification Act of 2019”.

**4 SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5       In this Act:

6           (1) **EARLY-STAGE PROJECT SUPPORT.**—The  
7       term “early-stage project support” includes the fol-  
8       lowing:

9           (A) Feasibility studies.

10          (B) Resource evaluations.

11          (C) Project appraisal and costing.

12          (D) Pilot projects.

13          (E) Commercial support, such as trade  
14       missions, reverse trade missions, technical  
15       workshops, international buyer programs, and  
16       international partner searchers to link suppliers  
17       to projects.

1 (F) Technical assistance and other guid-  
2 ance to improve the local regulatory environ-  
3 ment and market frameworks to encourage  
4 transparent competition and enhance energy se-  
5 curity.

6 (G) Long-term energy sector planning.

7 (2) LATE-STAGE PROJECT SUPPORT.—The term  
8 “late-stage project support” includes support de-  
9 scribed in section 1421 of the Better Utilization of  
10 Investments Leading to Development Act of 2018  
11 (also referred to as the “BUILD Act of 2018”; en-  
12 acted as division F of the FAA Reauthorization Act  
13 of 2018 (Public Law 115–254)).

14 (3) INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITU-  
15 TION.—The term “international financial institu-  
16 tion” has the meaning given such term in section  
17 1701(c) of the International Financial Institutions  
18 Act (22 U.S.C. 262r(c)).

19 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS; STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

20 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
21 gress that the United States has economic and national  
22 security interests in assisting European and Eurasian  
23 countries achieve energy security through diversification  
24 of their energy sources and supply routes.

1 (b) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the  
2 United States to—

3 (1) advance United States foreign policy and  
4 development goals by assisting European and Eur-  
5 asian countries to reduce their dependence on energy  
6 resources from countries that use energy dependence  
7 for undue political influence, such as the Russian  
8 Federation, which has used natural gas to coerce, in-  
9 timidate, and influence other countries;

10 (2) promote the energy security of European  
11 and Eurasian allies and partners of the United  
12 States by encouraging the development of accessible,  
13 transparent, and competitive energy markets that  
14 provide diversified sources, types, and routes of en-  
15 ergy;

16 (3) encourage United States public and private  
17 sector investment in European and Eurasian energy  
18 infrastructure projects to bridge the gap between en-  
19 ergy security requirements and commercial demand  
20 in a way that is consistent with the region's absorp-  
21 tive capacity;

22 (4) help facilitate a well-functioning market for  
23 energy resources in a way that benefits the energy  
24 security of the United States and European and

1 Eurasian allies and partners of the United States;  
2 and

3 (5) help facilitate the export of United States  
4 energy technology and expertise to global markets.

5 **SEC. 4. PRIORITIZATION OF EFFORTS AND ASSISTANCE**  
6 **FOR ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**  
7 **IN EUROPE AND EURASIA.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—In pursuing the policy described  
9 in section 3(b), the Secretary of State, in coordination  
10 with the heads of United States agencies that operate  
11 under the foreign policy guidance of the Secretary, shall,  
12 as appropriate, prioritize and expedite the efforts of the  
13 Department of State and such agencies in supporting the  
14 efforts of the European Commission and European and  
15 Eurasian countries to increase the energy security of such  
16 countries, including through—

17 (1) providing diplomatic and political support to  
18 the European Commission and such countries, as  
19 necessary to—

20 (A) facilitate international negotiations  
21 concerning cross-border infrastructure;

22 (B) enhance Europe's and Eurasia's regu-  
23 latory environment with respect to energy; and

1 (C) develop accessible, transparent, and  
2 competitive energy markets supplied by diverse  
3 sources, types, and routes of energy; and

4 (2) providing support to improve European and  
5 Eurasian energy markets, including early-stage  
6 project support and late-stage project support for  
7 the construction or improvement of energy infra-  
8 structure, as necessary, to—

9 (A) diversify the energy sources and supply  
10 routes of such countries;

11 (B) enhance energy market integration  
12 across the region; and

13 (C) increase competition within energy  
14 markets.

15 (b) PROJECT SELECTION.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in  
17 consultation with the heads of agencies described in  
18 subsection (a), shall identify and, in accordance with  
19 paragraph (3), select energy infrastructure projects  
20 that would be appropriate for United States assist-  
21 ance under this section.

22 (2) PROJECT ELIGIBILITY.—A project is eligible  
23 for United States assistance under this section if  
24 such project is—

25 (A) related to—

1 (i) natural gas infrastructure, such as  
2 interconnectors, storage facilities, liquefied  
3 natural gas import facilities, or reverse  
4 flow capacity;

5 (ii) electricity transmission infrastruc-  
6 ture, electricity storage projects, or smart  
7 grid projects;

8 (iii) renewable energy projects in  
9 wind, solar, tidal, or other forms; or

10 (iv) the improvement, rehabilitation,  
11 or construction of electricity generation fa-  
12 cilities to increase the efficiency and reli-  
13 ability of electricity production; and

14 (B) located in a European or Eurasian  
15 country.

16 (3) PREFERENCE.—In selecting among projects  
17 that are eligible under paragraph (2), the Secretary  
18 of State and the heads of agencies described in sub-  
19 section (a) shall give preference to projects that—

20 (A) improve the capacity of energy systems  
21 to efficiently transfer gas and electricity within  
22 and between European or Eurasian countries;

23 (B) have already been identified by the  
24 European Commission as being integral for the

1 energy security of European or Eurasian coun-  
2 tries;

3 (C) are expected to enhance energy market  
4 integration and transparency;

5 (D) can attract funding from the private  
6 sector, an international financial institution, the  
7 government of the country in which the project  
8 will be carried out, or the European Commis-  
9 sion; or

10 (E) have the potential to use United States  
11 goods and services.

12 (c) TYPES OF ASSISTANCE.—

13 (1) DIPLOMATIC AND POLITICAL SUPPORT.—

14 The Secretary of State, in coordination with the  
15 heads of agencies described in subsection (a), as ap-  
16 propriate, shall provide diplomatic and political sup-  
17 port to the European Commission and European or  
18 Eurasian countries, as necessary, including by using  
19 the diplomatic and political influence and expertise  
20 of the Department of State to build the capacity of  
21 such countries to resolve any impediments to the de-  
22 velopment of projects selected under subsection (b).

23 (2) EARLY-STAGE PROJECT SUPPORT.—The

24 Secretary of State, in coordination, as appropriate,  
25 with the heads of agencies described in subsection

1 (a), including the Director of the Trade and Devel-  
2 opment Agency, shall provide early-stage project  
3 support to projects selected under subsection (b), as  
4 necessary and in accordance with section 661 of the  
5 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2421).

6 (3) LATE-STAGE PROJECT SUPPORT.—The Sec-  
7 retary of State, in coordination, as appropriate, with  
8 the heads of agencies described in subsection (a),  
9 shall provide late-stage project support shall do so  
10 with respect to projects selected under subsection  
11 (b), as necessary and in accordance with section  
12 1412 of the Better Utilization of Investments Lead-  
13 ing to Development Act (relating to the establish-  
14 ment of the United States International Develop-  
15 ment Finance Corporation).

16 (d) FUNDING.—

17 (1) TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY.—Sub-  
18 paragraph (A) of section 661(f)(1) of the Foreign  
19 Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2421(f)(1)) is  
20 amended by striking “\$48,000,000 for fiscal year  
21 2000” and inserting “\$79,500,000 for fiscal year  
22 2020”.

23 (2) COUNTERING RUSSIAN INFLUENCE FUND.—  
24 Section 254 of the Countering Russian Influence in  
25 Europe and Eurasia Act of 2017 (enacted as title II



1 of the Countering America's Adversaries Through  
2 Sanctions Act; Public Law 115–44; 22 U.S.C. 9543)  
3 is amended—

4 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “fiscal  
5 years 2018 and 2019” and adding “fiscal years  
6 2020 and 2021”; and

7 (B) in subsection (b), by adding at the end  
8 the following new paragraph:

9 “(7) To assist United States agencies that op-  
10 erate under the foreign policy guidance of the Sec-  
11 retary of State in providing assistance under section  
12 4 of the European Energy Security and Diversifica-  
13 tion Act of 2019.”.

14 (e) EXCEPTION.—No United States assistance under  
15 this section may be provided to a European or Eurasian  
16 country that engages in a significant transaction described  
17 in subsection (a) of section 231 of the Countering Amer-  
18 ica's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (22 U.S.C.  
19 9525).

## 20 **SEC. 5. PROGRESS REPORTS.**

21 Not later than one year after the date of the enact-  
22 ment of this Act and annually thereafter for seven years,  
23 the President shall transmit to the Committee on Foreign  
24 Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign  
25 Affairs of the House of Representatives a report on

1 progress made in providing assistance for projects under  
2 section 4 that includes the following:

3 (1) A description of the energy infrastructure  
4 projects the United States has identified for such as-  
5 sistance.

6 (2) For each such project, the following:

7 (A) A description of the role of the United  
8 States in the project, including in early-stage  
9 project support and late-stage project support.

10 (B) The amount and form of any debt fi-  
11 nancing and insurance provided by the United  
12 States Government for the project.

13 (C) The amount and form of any early-  
14 stage project support.

15 (D) An update on the progress made on  
16 the project as of the date of the report.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to prioritize the efforts of and enhance coordination among United States agencies to encourage countries in Europe and Eurasia to diversify their energy sources and supply routes, increase energy security in the region, and help the United States reach its global energy security goals, and for other purposes.”.

