



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515-4003

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I write to unequivocally urge that H.R. 2548, the *Sanctioning Russia Act* of 2025, be scheduled for immediate floor consideration.

I have just returned from Kyiv with a bipartisan Congressional Delegation. What I witnessed made clear that Russia's war is not confined to Ukraine—it is a direct threat to NATO itself. Putin's ambitions extend well beyond Ukraine's borders, and his regime has shown it will stop at nothing to erode freedom, democracy, and the rule of law across Europe. There is no time to waste. Russia's recent drone incursions into Polish and Romanian airspace are not accidents—they are calculated provocations that strike at NATO territory and European security. Congress must act decisively to confront Russian aggression, deny Putin any further opportunity to destabilize our allies, and provide the President with the tools he needs to end this war.

This bipartisan legislation strikes directly at the heart of Moscow's war machine by providing for:

- Crippling economic and financial sanctions against Russian officials, oligarchs, state-backed institutions, and the enablers who bankroll Putin's unlawful aggression;
- Severe tariffs and trade penalties, including a ban on uranium and energy imports from Russia and authority to penalize any trading partner that seeks to weaken or evade sanctions;
- Automatic triggering measures if Russia rejects peace negotiations, violates agreements, or undertakes new invasions, ensuring no delay in responding to Moscow's continued hostility.

President Donald J. Trump has forcefully called for greater economic pressure on Russia to compel an end to its unlawful invasion of Ukraine's sovereignty:

- The President stressed that U.S. and allied sanctions are meant to force Putin to the negotiating table, while pledging NATO- and EU-funded U.S.-made Patriot missile systems to bolster Ukraine's defenses.
- He has bluntly criticized Vladimir Putin as "all talk and no action," exposing the Kremlin's empty rhetoric and refusal to pursue genuine peace.
- Despite the August summit in Alaska, Putin's recent escalations prove he has no interest in a meaningful or lasting settlement, only in prolonging his brutal war of conquest.
- The President continues to align closely with NATO and EU partners, advancing a coordinated sanctions strategy aimed at tightening the noose on Russian oil exports and war financing.

NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte reinforced this approach during a July 14 meeting, commending the weapons package and affirming that unrelenting allied economic pressure is essential to breaking Moscow's intransigence.

I therefore urge you to prioritize H.R. 2548 without delay. Enacting this legislation would not only cement bipartisan unity, but also provide the legal force and strategic clarity to backstop the President's policy and ensure that the United States leads with strength against Russia's unlawful war.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Michael R. Turner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" being the most prominent.

Michael R. Turner
Member of Congress