



## **No Oil Profits for Enemies (NOPE) Act**

### **Purpose**

This legislation extends the existing congressional review framework under Section 216 of the Countering America’s Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA) to cover the thousands of Russia sanctions designations issued since Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine - ensuring Congress has a meaningful opportunity to review any sanctions relief before it takes effect.

### **Background**

CAATSA, enacted during the first Trump Administration on a bipartisan basis, requires the President to submit a report to Congress before taking any action to: (1) terminate covered Russia sanctions; (2) waive their application to any person; or (3) issue a license that significantly alters U.S. foreign policy toward Russia. That submission triggers a 30-day congressional review period, during which the Administration may not implement the change absent a joint resolution of approval.

However, CAATSA’s review framework only covers sanctions that were in place at the time of enactment. The vast majority of Russia sanctions — those imposed in response to the full-scale 2022 invasion — are not currently covered. This bill closes that gap. **The NOPE Act is endorsed by Razom for Ukraine, and The American Coalition for Ukraine.**

### **What the Bill Does**

1. **Sanctions Coverage:** Brings all sanctions issued under Executive Orders addressing the national emergency continued by the President on April 10, 2025 (90 Fed. Reg. 15523) within CAATSA’s Section 216 congressional review framework. Before any such sanction can be lifted, waived, or modified, the Administration must notify Congress and allow a 30-day review window.
2. **Energy Licensing:** Treats any U.S. licensing action affecting Russian energy as a “licensing action that significantly alters U.S. foreign policy” under CAATSA § 216(a)(2)(A), thereby subjecting it to the same congressional review requirement.
3. **Sunset:** The energy licensing provision expires upon a certification by the Secretary of State (in consultation with the Secretaries of Treasury and Defense and the Director of National Intelligence) that Russia has ended its war in Ukraine and credibly committed to a just peace settlement that includes compensating Ukraine for war damages.

### **How CAATSA § 216 Review Works**

- **Step 1:** President submits report to Congress describing intended action.
- **Step 2:** 30-day review period begins. Administration may not take the action unless Congress passes a joint resolution of approval.
- **Step 3:** If Congress passes a joint resolution of disapproval, the President may not act for 12 calendar days after passage.
- **Step 4:** If the President vetoes the disapproval resolution, he must wait 10 calendar days after the veto to act.
- **Step 5:** If Congress does not act within the 30-day window, the sanctions change goes into effect when the Administration implements it.