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To prohibit lifting of United States sanctions imposed with respect to North Korea.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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. PROHIBITION ON LIFTING OF UNITED STATES**

4 **SANCTIONS IMPOSED WITH RESPECT TO**

5 **NORTH KOREA.**

6 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

7 (1) The Democratic People’s Republic of Korea

8 (North Korea) has a history of cheating on nuclear

9 accords.

1 (2) The United Nations Commission of Inquiry
2 on Human Rights in North Korea concluded in 2014
3 that Kim Jong Un and the North Korean leadership
4 was perpetrating “unspeakable atrocities” against
5 its own people on a vast scale and committed “wide-
6 spread, systematic, and gross violations” that
7 amount to crimes against humanity.

8 (3) The chair of the United Nations Commis-
9 sion of Inquiry on Human Rights in North Korea
10 called these atrocities “strikingly similar” to crimes
11 committed by Nazi Germany in World War II, in-
12 cluding execution, enslavement, starvation, rape, and
13 forced abortion, and warned Kim Jong Un of his
14 own personal culpability in a special letter attached
15 to the report.

16 (4) Under Kim Jong Un’s leadership, there are
17 reports of newborn babies in prison being fed to
18 guard dogs, punishment and possible execution of
19 starving prisoners caught digging for edible plants,
20 and forced abortions.

21 (5) Kim Jong Un, after taking over the leader-
22 ship of North Korea, launched political purges, en-
23 compassing relatives, including his uncle and half-
24 brother, who was murdered by a chemical weapon in
25 Malaysia in 2017.

1 (6) Otto Warmbier, a 22-year-old American col-
2 lege student, was brutally tortured by the North Ko-
3 rean regime under Kim Jong Un and died shortly
4 after his release from North Korea.

5 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
6 gress that—

7 (1) any negotiation with North Korea regarding
8 denuclearization should include an equivalent de-
9 mand for transparency regarding North Korea’s
10 human rights situation;

11 (2) the United States should not trust Kim
12 Jong Un and the leadership of North Korea to vol-
13 untarily and peacefully end its nuclear program as
14 long as they continue to commit mass atrocities
15 against the North Korean people; and

16 (3) no sanctions relief should be provided to
17 North Korea until the President certifies to the ap-
18 propriate congressional committees that the lives of
19 ordinary North Koreans are improving and the Kim
20 family has made progress on North Korea’s deplor-
21 able human rights situation.

22 (c) LIMITATION ON WAIVER OF SANCTIONS.—The
23 President may not waive, suspend, reduce, provide relief
24 from, or otherwise limit the application of United States
25 sanctions imposed with respect to North Korea until the

1 President certifies to the appropriate congressional com-
2 mittees that North Korea—

3 (1) has repudiated and ceased engaging in
4 gross human rights abuses, including operation of
5 slave-labor and political prisoner camps;

6 (2) has established a disclosure and trans-
7 parency process to identify crimes committed by the
8 North Korean regime against its people; and

9 (3) has issued a formal apology to the family of
10 Otto Warmbier for the unlawful detention, torture,
11 and murder of Otto Warmbier.

12 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—
13 In this section, the term “appropriate congressional com-
14 mittees” means—

15 (1) the congressional defense committees (as
16 such term is defined in section 101 of title 10,
17 United States Code); and

18 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
19 Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
20 House of Representatives.

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