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H. R. 3442

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who engage in improper interference in a United States election are inadmissible and deportable, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 24, 2019

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia (for himself, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. McCLINTOCK, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. CLINE, Mr. ARMSTRONG, and Mr. BUCK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Defending Elections
5 against Trolls from Enemy Regimes Act” or the “DETER
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINED TERM.**

2 Section 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality
3 Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)) is amended by adding at the end
4 the following:

5 “(53) The term ‘improper interference in a
6 United States election’ means conduct by an alien
7 that—

8 “(A)(i) violates Federal criminal, voting
9 rights, or campaign finance law; or

10 “(ii) is performed by any person acting as
11 an agent of or on behalf of a foreign govern-
12 ment or criminal enterprise; and

13 “(B) includes any covert, fraudulent, de-
14 ceptive, or unlawful act or attempted act, un-
15 dertaken with the purpose or effect of under-
16 mining public confidence in election processes
17 or institutions, or influencing, undermining con-
18 fidence in, or altering the result or reported re-
19 sult of, a general or primary Federal, State, or
20 local election or caucus, including—

21 “(i) the campaign of a candidate; or

22 “(ii) a ballot measure, including an
23 amendment, a bond issue, an initiative, a
24 recall, a referral, or a referendum.”.

1 **SEC. 3. IMPROPER INTERFERENCE IN UNITED STATES**
2 **ELECTIONS.**

3 (a) INADMISSIBILITY.—Section 212(a)(3) of the Im-
4 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3)) is
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(H) IMPROPER INTERFERENCE IN A
7 UNITED STATES ELECTION.—Any alien who a
8 consular officer, the Secretary of Homeland Se-
9 curity, the Secretary of State, or the Attorney
10 General knows, or has reasonable grounds to
11 believe, is seeking admission to the United
12 States to engage in improper interference in a
13 United States election, or has engaged in im-
14 proper interference in a United States election,
15 is inadmissible.”.

16 (b) DEPORTABILITY.—Section 237(a) of the Immi-
17 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)) is amend-
18 ed by adding at the end the following:

19 “(8) IMPROPER INTERFERENCE IN A UNITED
20 STATES ELECTION.—Any alien who has engaged, is
21 engaged, or at any time after admission engages in
22 improper interference in a United States election is
23 deportable.”.

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