

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**  
**TO H.R. 9563**  
**OFFERED BY M**\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_

Strike all that follows after the enacting clause and  
insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Americans  
3 from Russian Litigation Act of 2024”.

**4 SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

5       It is the policy of the United States—

6           (1) to ensure that United States persons are  
7 not disadvantaged for actions or omissions under-  
8 taken to comply with United States sanctions and  
9 export controls;

10          (2) to ensure that foreign persons, or those act-  
11 ing on their behalf, cannot obtain compensation for  
12 any action directly or indirectly related to United  
13 States persons attempting in good faith to comply  
14 with their obligations under United States sanctions  
15 and export controls.

1 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON CIVIL ACTIONS AFFECTED BY**  
2 **UNITED STATES SANCTIONS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 111 of title 28, United  
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
5 lowing:

6 **“§ 1660. Limitation on civil actions affected by United**  
7 **States sanctions**

8 “(a) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding any provision of  
9 law, a person may not bring a civil action in Federal court  
10 to obtain relief for a claim where—

11 “(1) the underlying conduct or circumstances  
12 giving rise to the claim resulted from the imposition  
13 of United States sanctions impeding the perform-  
14 ance of a contract (whether directly or indirectly, or  
15 in whole or in part); and

16 “(2) the United States sanctions described in  
17 paragraph (1) went into effect after the date on  
18 which the contract was executed; and

19 “(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
20 tion may be construed to limit—

21 “(1) the authority of the President, or any dele-  
22 gate of the President (including the Office of For-  
23 eign Asset Control of the Department of the Treas-  
24 ury), to restrict or authorize legal services, to enter  
25 into a settlement agreement, or to enforce any lien,  
26 judgment, arbitral award, decree, or other order

1 through execution, garnishment, or other judicial  
2 process; or

3 “(2) any right, remedy, or cause of action avail-  
4 able to a victim of international terrorism, torture,  
5 extrajudicial killing, aircraft sabotage, or hostage  
6 taking, who is, or was at the time of the victim’s in-  
7 jury, a national of the United States, a member of  
8 the United States Armed Forces, an employee of the  
9 United States Government, or an individual per-  
10 forming a contract awarded by the United States  
11 Government acting within the scope of their employ-  
12 ment, or a family member of any such victim, under  
13 any applicable State or Federal law, including—

14 “(A) chapter 97 of this title;

15 “(B) chapter 113B of title 18; and

16 “(C) the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria  
17 Human Rights Act of 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8701 et  
18 seq.), and any other laws providing for the ap-  
19 plication of sanctions with respect to Iran or  
20 Syria.

21 “(c) UNITED STATES SANCTIONS DEFINED.—In this  
22 section, the term ‘United States sanctions’ means any pro-  
23 hibition, restriction, or condition on transactions involving  
24 property in which any foreign country or national thereof  
25 has an interest that is imposed by the United States to

1 address threats to the national security, foreign policy, or  
2 economy of the United States pursuant to—  
3 “(1) section 203 of the International Emer-  
4 gency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702); or  
5 “(2) any other provision of law, including any  
6 export controls.”.

