Congressional Responses to the U.S.-Germany Statement on Nord Stream 2

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I remain opposed to the Nordstream 2 pipeline, which will negatively impact the security of Ukraine & Europe. I still believe it should be stopped. The agreement with Germany may mitigate some of these challenges posed by NS2, but it falls short.

CNBC Now @CNBCnow · Jul 21
U.S., Germany strike a deal to allow completion of controversial Russian Nord Stream 2 pipeline cnb.cx/3wVzZW6

2:26 PM · Jul 22, 2021 · Twitter Web App

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A comprehensive mitigation strategy would also include enhanced security assistance to Ukraine and new sanctions on the Kremlin for its continued military aggression in Donbas. I expect to hear more details on those aspects of the strategy soon.

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Germany is a critical ally & I welcome diplomatic efforts by the Biden admin to try to negotiate a path forward on Nord Stream 2. But I’m not yet convinced this agreement can sufficiently prevent Putin from using this pipeline as a weapon to exert political influence over Europe.

My full statement:

Shaheen Statement on Nord Stream 2 Agreement
The Official U.S. Senate website of Senator Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire
shaheen.senate.gov
The U.S. & Germany shouldn’t determine the energy security of other countries w/out their deep & substantive input. This joint statement is evidence of their failure to do that.

I’ll keep working w/ allies & partners to stop #NS2 before it’s operational. foreign.senate.gov/press/ranking/...

Poland and Ukraine will work together with their allies and partners to oppose #NS2 until solutions are developed to address the security crisis created by #NS2.” An important joint statement by Foreign Ministers ＠RauZbigniew and ＠DmytroKuleba. twitter.com/PolandMFA/stat...

The administration’s decision to waive the Congressionally mandated sanctions on Nord Stream 2 AG is a serious misstep that endangers U.S., European, and Ukrainian security.

This policy failure will ensure the completion of the pipeline, giving Russia a strategic advantage over our allies. The administration must demonstrate that it is committed to the security of Ukraine and our European partners and not allow Russia to endanger their sovereignty.

By allowing completion of Nord Stream 2, the Biden admin frontloads concessions to Russia, hurts Ukraine & fails to protect Europe's energy security.

This is a strategic misstep—Russia has shown in the past that it cannot be trusted to be a responsible actor on the world stage.
Sen. John Barrasso @SenJohnBarrasso · Jul 21

Biden’s #NordStream2 deal with Germany is a grave mistake. Paving the way for Russia and Germany to complete this pipeline puts a stranglehold on Europe. Protecting this Russian trap is not in our national security interest.
barrasso.senate.gov/public/index.c...
The #Putin regime will use the Nord Stream 2 pipeline as a weapon of coercion against #Ukraine and transatlantic energy security as soon as it is operational.

Read the full statement here:

gop-foreignaffairs.house.gov
Adam Kinzinger @RepKinzinger • Jul 21
The WH agrees #NS2 is a Russian malign project, yet they continue to support its completion. Talk is cheap when your actions allow Putin to undermine the transatlantic alliance. We must stand with the vast majority of the EU in opposing this pipeline.

WSJ News Exclusive | U.S.-German Deal on Russian Natural-Gas Pipeline...
The U.S. and Germany have reached an agreement allowing the completion of a controversial Russian natural gas pipeline, according t... wsj.com

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