



Sanctions Bill: The Real Cost to the American People

The Lindsey O. Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act of 2026 hands Trump the power to raise costs on American workers and families by **more than \$8,000**.

House Democrats strongly support Ukraine and tough sanctions that hold Putin and his funders accountable for his brutal war, but that doesn't mean Congress should rubberstamp a massive giveaway of tariff authority to Trump.

House Democrats fought Trump's illegal IEEPA tariffs all the way to the Supreme Court and won. Even after witnessing Trump's repeated abuse of his existing tariff authority, including starting a petty trade war with Canada, some in Congress are now contemplating giving Trump new, unchecked power to continue his tariff tirade.

The potential price tag is staggering:

- Even in a relatively conservative scenario, where Trump targets only three countries—**let's say China, India, and Turkey**:
 - the average household could expect to spend an additional **\$1,964 per year**.
- In a scenario where Trump uses the flexibilities in the bill to go after countries or leaders he doesn't like:
 - the average household could expect to spend an additional **\$6,224 per year**.

Meaning this bill could cost the average household more than \$8,000 a year.

The American people simply cannot afford this, and taking action against Putin should be separate from giving Trump more tariff authority to enrich himself, target our allies, and stick the people with the bill.

Using the Yale Budget Lab's [public tariff rate data](#), one can calculate the import share of affected countries and can calculate the implied cost per percentage point of tariff rate hike using data [here](#).