



## U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich's Actions Related to Russia

### 118<sup>th</sup> Congress

**Banning Russian Uranium Imports:** Heinrich successfully passed legislation to [ban imports of Russian uranium](#), strengthening our nation's energy security, reducing reliance on Russia for nuclear fuels, and preventing American dollars from funding Russia's war in Ukraine. This followed Heinrich's prior successful effort to [limit enriched uranium fuel from Russia](#).

**Delivering Support to Ukraine to Defend Against Russia's Attack:** Heinrich successfully advocated to [deliver aid](#) to [Ukraine](#) to [assist in its defense](#) against [Russia's unjustified invasion](#), pushing back against [Republican efforts to delay and oppose the aid to Ukraine](#). Heinrich has also pushed for [key defense assets](#) for Ukraine and, previously, [maximum intelligence sharing](#) with Ukraine in the lead up to Russia's invasion.

**Protecting American's Data from Being Purchased by Foreign Adversaries:** Heinrich joined his colleagues in introducing a bill to [protect Americans' data from being purchased by foreign adversaries](#), specifically including Russia, responding to the Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines' warning of the threat posed by unrestricted commercial data sales. The bill includes new protections against foreign-owned companies accessing U.S. data from abroad or sending data to unfriendly foreign nations.

**Tackling National Security Threats from Foreign Tech:** Heinrich introduced legislation to give the Commerce Department authority – in conjunction with intelligence, law enforcement, and financial officials – to take steps to [mitigate threats from tech beholden to Russia](#) and other authoritarian regimes. Heinrich has also [supported funding for modernization](#) of the Commerce Department's ability to enforce export controls that ensure adversaries like Russia cannot get access to sensitive U.S. technology.

**Reducing Energy Dependence on Russia:** Heinrich has long advocated for policies that [reduce the United States' dependence on Russia's fossil fuels](#) by shifting to domestic clean energy production, as well as [domestic manufacturing of electric heat pumps and other clean energy technology](#). These efforts have successfully [spurred executive action to increase domestic electric energy capacity](#). To [reduce Europe's energy dependence on Russia](#), Heinrich has highlighted the potential of electrification, particularly heat pumps, and called for a [ban on Russian oil imports](#).

**Sanctioning Russian and Belarusian Potash:** Heinrich has [called for sanctions on Russian and Belarusian produced potash](#) in response to Russia's unjustified war on Ukraine, noting that North American potash companies can scale up production and enable the United States to reduce its dependence on hostile countries for its supply of critical minerals. This builds on Heinrich's prior push for the United States to [investigate sanctions evasion by a potash company in Belarus](#).

**Improving Energy Security for Department of Defense Operations:** Heinrich has steadfastly pushed the Department of Defense to develop and deploy consistent, resilient energy solutions, including [advanced nuclear reactors](#). This is particularly important to counter the advancement of foreign adversaries.

**Urging Regional Stability in Face of Russia's Attack on Ukraine:** Heinrich joined his colleagues in calling for the [swift admission of Sweden and Finland](#) into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

**Led Efforts to Chart America's AI Leadership:** Beginning as co-founder and co-Chair of the [Senate's Artificial Intelligence Caucus](#) and now also as a member of the bipartisan Senate AI working group with Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) and Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Mike Rounds (R-S.D.), Heinrich has [led the effort](#) to establish America's leadership on AI. This has included [passing major AI legislation](#) and working to pass [additional AI legislation](#), holding a [series of AI forums](#) for his Senate colleagues, and [authoring an AI roadmap](#). This work is critical for many reasons, including in response to [growing efforts by Russia to push their cyber agenda](#) of censorship, repression, and surveillance.

### **Prior to the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress**

**Investigated Russia's Interference with United States Elections:** As a member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, Heinrich [played a key role](#) in [investigating Russia's efforts](#) to interfere with the United States' 2016 election, [including through social media platforms](#), and [condemning the Trump campaign's cooperation with and welcoming of Russian efforts](#). Heinrich renewed his condemnation during the 2020 election, again calling out [Trump's spreading of Russian misinformation](#).

**Condemned Russian War Crimes Against Ukraine, Supported Ukrainians Amid Russia Invasion:** Heinrich joined colleagues in passing a bipartisan resolution calling for [Vladimir Putin to be held accountable for war crimes](#) committed in Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Heinrich also joined a successful effort to have the Biden administration [grant Temporary Protected Status \(TPS\) to Ukrainians in the United States](#) following the invasion of Ukraine.

**Opposed Trump Administration's Cozying Up to Russia:** Heinrich vocally opposed moves by the Trump administration to cozy up to Russia and Putin, including by pushing the Trump administration to [hold Russia accountable](#) for its systematic attack on America's democracy, opposing [President Trump's willingness to let Putin question American officials](#), decrying the Trump administration's [decision to prioritize meeting with foreign adversaries](#) like Russia and China over meeting with NATO allies, [pressing DoD leaders on the importance of consequences for Russia's actions](#) against the United States, calling for [a damage assessment](#) after reports of President Trump [sharing classified information with Russia](#), and condemning President Trump's [refusal to impose sanctions on Russia](#).

**Fought for Increased Election Security:** Heinrich has fought for [increased funding, legislation](#), and [agency action](#) to ensure secure and safe elections in New Mexico and across the country, specifically [in response to Russian interference](#) in the 2016 and 2020 elections. His efforts have included [calling out Republicans](#) for [blocking election security legislation](#).

**Championed LANL Mission:** Heinrich has [championed investments and expansions in Los Alamos National Laboratory's mission](#), which is [critical in response to a growing threat from Russia](#). His efforts include successfully opposing the [Trump administration's plan to diminish management of the nation's nuclear stockpile](#).

**Worked to Ensure Military Readiness Against Emerging Threats and Unconventional Warfare:** As Ranking Member of the U.S. Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, Heinrich led hearings on [ensuring military readiness](#) to address long term threats posed by Russia and China and [responding to Russian influence and unconventional warfare](#). Heinrich also worked to [improve weapons technology](#) to respond to the growing capabilities of Russia and China.

**Led Efforts Calling for a National Strategy on Cyber Deterrence:** Heinrich led his colleagues in demanding that former President Trump [issue a national strategy for deterring malicious activity in cyberspace](#), raising concern that successive administrations had not given enough urgency to the issue.

**Outlawed International Firearm Trafficking to Help Stabilize Latin America Against Russian Influence:** Heinrich authored the provisions in the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act that [outlaw trafficking firearms out of the United States](#), which had been directly [fueling violence in Latin America](#). He has since pushed to ensure these provisions are used to improve the stability of Latin America, [to protect them from influence campaigns by Russia, China, and Iran](#).

**Invested in New Mexico Space Industry:** Heinrich has [secured significant investments](#) in [New Mexico's space industry](#) throughout his tenure in Congress, including in [response to renewed competition from Russia](#) and other foreign adversaries. Heinrich's efforts include [serving on a conference committee of Senate and House members](#) to finalize what eventually became the [CHIPS and Science Act](#), legislation that is boosting America's economic competitiveness and addressing supply chain security. Funding from this legislation has helped [expand New Mexico companies like SolAero](#), one of only three companies outside of Russia and China that specializes in the production of highly efficient and radiation-resistant compound semiconductors called space-grade solar cells—devices used in space to convert light into electricity.

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