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**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—116th Cong., 1st Sess.**

**S. 1025**

To provide humanitarian relief to the Venezuelan people and Venezuelan migrants, to advance a constitutional and democratic solution to Venezuela’s political crisis, to address Venezuela’s economic reconstruction, to combat public corruption, narcotics trafficking, and money laundering, and for other purposes.

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended to be proposed by Mr. MENENDEZ

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-  
2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLES; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLES.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “Venezuela Emergency Relief, Democracy Assistance, and  
6 Development Act of 2019” or the “VERDAD Act of  
7 2019”.

8 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for  
9 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short titles; table of contents.

TITLE I—SUPPORT FOR THE INTERIM PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA AND RECOGNITION OF THE VENEZUELAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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Sec. 603. Sanctions on persons responsible for public corruption and undermining democratic governance.

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- Sec. 610. Classified briefing on activities of certain foreign governments and actors in Venezuela.
- Sec. 611. Countering Russian influence in Venezuela.
- Sec. 612. Restriction on export of covered articles and services to certain security forces of Venezuela.

**TITLE VII—CRYPTOCURRENCY SANCTIONS AND ENSURING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF UNITED STATES SANCTIONS**

- Sec. 701. Sanctions on Venezuela's cryptocurrency and the provision of related technologies.
- Sec. 702. Briefing on the impact of cryptocurrencies on United States sanctions.

**TITLE VIII—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

- Sec. 801. Congressional briefings.
- Sec. 802. Sanctions implementation and penalties.
- Sec. 803. Prohibition on construction of provisions of this Act as an authorization for the use of military force.
- Sec. 804. Extension and termination of sanctions against Venezuela.

**1 TITLE I—SUPPORT FOR THE IN-**  
**2 INTERIM PRESIDENT OF VEN-**  
**3 EZUELA AND RECOGNITION**  
**4 OF THE VENEZUELAN NA-**  
**5 TIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**6 SEC. 101. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS IN SUPPORT OF**  
**7 THE INTERIM PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA.**

**8 (a) FINDINGS.**—Congress makes the following find-  
**9 ings:**

**10 (1)** Venezuela's electoral event on May 20, 2018  
**11** was characterized by widespread fraud and did not  
**12** comply with international standards for a free, fair,  
**13** and transparent electoral process.

**14 (2)** Given the fraudulent nature of Venezuela's  
**15** May 20, 2018 electoral event, Nicolás Maduro's ten-

1        ure as President of Venezuela ended on January 10,  
2        2019.

3            (3) The National Assembly of Venezuela ap-  
4        proved a resolution on January 15, 2019 that termi-  
5        nated Nicolás Maduro’s authority as the President  
6        of Venezuela.

7            (4) On January 23, 2019, the President of the  
8        National Assembly of Venezuela was sworn in as the  
9        Interim President of Venezuela.

10        (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
11        gress—

12            (1) to support the decisions by the United  
13        States Government, more than 50 governments  
14        around the world, the Organization of American  
15        States, the Inter-American Development Bank, and  
16        the European Parliament to recognize National As-  
17        sembly President Juan Guaidó as the Interim Presi-  
18        dent of Venezuela;

19            (2) to encourage the Interim President of Ven-  
20        ezuela to advance efforts to hold democratic presi-  
21        dential elections in the shortest possible period; and

22            (3) that the Organization of American States,  
23        with support from the United States Government  
24        and partner governments, should provide diplomatic,  
25        technical, and financial support for a new presi-



1 **SEC. 103. ADVANCING A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION TO VEN-**  
2 **EZUELA'S CRISIS.**

3 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
4 gress that—

5 (1) direct, credible negotiations led by the In-  
6 terim President of Venezuela and members of Ven-  
7 ezuela's democratically elected National Assembly—

8 (A) are supported by stakeholders in the  
9 international community that have recognized  
10 the Interim President of Venezuela;

11 (B) include the input and interests of Ven-  
12 ezuelan civil society; and

13 (C) represent the best opportunity to reach  
14 a solution to the Venezuelan crisis that in-  
15 cludes—

16 (i) holding a new presidential election  
17 that complies with international standards  
18 for a free, fair, and transparent electoral  
19 process;

20 (ii) ending Nicolás Maduro's usurpa-  
21 tion of presidential authorities;

22 (iii) restoring democracy and the rule  
23 of law;

24 (iv) freeing political prisoners; and

25 (v) facilitating the delivery of humani-  
26 tarian aid;

1           (2) dialogue between the Maduro regime and  
2           representatives of the political opposition that com-  
3           menced in October 2017, and were supported by the  
4           Governments of Mexico, of Chile, of Bolivia, and of  
5           Nicaragua, did not result in an agreement because  
6           the Maduro regime failed to credibly participate in  
7           the process; and

8           (3) negotiations between the Maduro regime  
9           and representatives of the political opposition that  
10          commenced in October 2016, and were supported by  
11          the Vatican, did not result in an agreement because  
12          the Maduro regime failed to credibly participate in  
13          the process.

14          (b) POLICY.—It is the policy of the United States to  
15          support diplomatic engagement in order to advance a ne-  
16          gotiated and peaceful solution to Venezuela’s political, eco-  
17          nomic, and humanitarian crisis that is described in sub-  
18          section (a)(1).

19                   **TITLE II—HUMANITARIAN**  
20                   **RELIEF FOR VENEZUELA**

21           **SEC. 201. HUMANITARIAN RELIEF FOR THE VENEZUELAN**  
22                   **PEOPLE.**

23          (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
24          gress that—

1           (1) the United States Government should ex-  
2           pand efforts to peacefully address Venezuela's hu-  
3           manitarian crisis; and

4           (2) humanitarian assistance—

5                   (A) should be targeted toward those most  
6           in need and delivered through partners that up-  
7           hold internationally recognized humanitarian  
8           principles; and

9                   (B) should not be passed through the con-  
10          trol or distribution mechanisms of the Maduro  
11          regime.

12          (b) HUMANITARIAN RELIEF.—

13           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in  
14          coordination with the Administrator of the United  
15          States Agency for International Development, shall  
16          provide—

17                   (A) humanitarian assistance to individuals  
18          and communities in Venezuela, including—

19                           (i) public health commodities and  
20                           services, including medicines and basic  
21                           medical supplies and equipment;

22                           (ii) basic food commodities and nutri-  
23                           tional supplements needed to address  
24                           growing malnutrition and improve food se-  
25                           curity for the people of Venezuela, with a



1 specific emphasis on the most vulnerable  
2 populations; and

3 (iii) technical assistance to ensure  
4 that health and food commodities are ap-  
5 propriately selected, procured, targeted,  
6 and distributed; and

7 (B) Venezuelans and hosting communities,  
8 as appropriate, in neighboring countries with  
9 humanitarian aid, such as—

10 (i) urgently needed health and nutri-  
11 tional assistance, including logistical and  
12 technical assistance to hospitals and health  
13 centers in affected communities;

14 (ii) food assistance for vulnerable indi-  
15 viduals, including assistance to improve  
16 food security for affected communities; and

17 (iii) hygiene supplies and sanitation  
18 services.

19 (2) AID TO VENEZUELANS IN NEIGHBORING  
20 COUNTRIES.—The aid described in paragraph  
21 (1)(B)—

22 (A) may be provided—

23 (i) directly to Venezuelans in neigh-  
24 boring countries, including countries of the  
25 Caribbean; or

1                   (ii) indirectly through the commu-  
2                   nities in which the Venezuelans reside; and  
3                   (B) should focus on the most vulnerable  
4                   Venezuelans in neighboring countries.

5           (c) HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE STRATEGY UP-  
6   DATE.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the en-  
7   actment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in coordination  
8   with the Administrator of the United States Agency for  
9   International Development, shall submit, to the appro-  
10   priate congressional committees, an update to the Ven-  
11   ezuela humanitarian assistance strategy described in the  
12   conference report accompanying the Consolidated Appro-  
13   priations Act (Public Law 116–6), to cover a 2-year period  
14   and include—

15           (1) a description of the United States humani-  
16   tarian assistance provided under this section;

17           (2) a description of United States diplomatic ef-  
18   forts to ensure support from international donors,  
19   including regional partners in Latin America and  
20   the Caribbean, for the provision of humanitarian as-  
21   sistance to the people of Venezuela;

22           (3) the identification of governments that are  
23   willing to provide financial and technical assistance  
24   for the provision of such humanitarian assistance to

1 the people of Venezuela and a description of such as-  
2 sistance; and

3 (4) the identification of the financial and tech-  
4 nical assistance to be provided by multilateral insti-  
5 tutions, including the United Nations humanitarian  
6 agencies, the Pan American Health Organization,  
7 the Inter-American Development Bank, and the  
8 World Bank, and a description of such assistance.

9 (d) DIPLOMATIC ENGAGEMENT.—The Secretary of  
10 State, in consultation with the Administrator of the  
11 United States Agency for International Development, shall  
12 work with relevant foreign governments and multilateral  
13 organizations to coordinate a donors summit and carry out  
14 diplomatic engagement to advance the strategy required  
15 under subsection (c).

16 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
17 authorized to be appropriated \$400,000,000 for fiscal year  
18 2020 to carry out the activities set forth in subsection (b).

19 (f) DEFINED TERM.—In this section, the term “ap-  
20 propriate congressional committees” means—

21 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the  
22 Senate;

23 (2) the Committee on Appropriations of the  
24 Senate;

1           (3) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the  
2           House of Representatives; and

3           (4) the Committee on Appropriations of the  
4           House of Representatives.

5 **SEC. 202. SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS AT THE UNITED NATIONS**  
6                   **ON THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN VEN-**  
7                   **EZUELA.**

8           (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
9           gress that the United Nations humanitarian agencies  
10           should conduct and publish independent assessments of  
11           the humanitarian situation in Venezuela, including—

12                   (1) the extent and impact of the shortages of  
13                   food, medicine, and medical supplies in Venezuela;

14                   (2) basic health indicators in Venezuela, such  
15                   as maternal and child mortality rates and the preva-  
16                   lence and treatment of communicable diseases; and

17                   (3) the efforts needed to resolve the shortages  
18                   identified in paragraph (1) and to improve the  
19                   health indicators referred to in paragraph (2).

20           (b) UNITED NATIONS RESIDENT COORDINATOR.—  
21           The President should instruct the Permanent Representa-  
22           tive to the United Nations to use the voice, vote, and influ-  
23           ence of the United States at the United Nations to support  
24           the efforts of the Resident Coordinator for Venezuela in  
25           a manner that—

1 (1) contributes to Venezuela's long-term recov-  
2 ery; and

3 (2) advances humanitarian efforts in Venezuela  
4 and for Venezuelans residing in neighboring coun-  
5 tries.

6 **SEC. 203. SANCTIONS EXCEPTIONS FOR HUMANITARIAN AS-**  
7 **SISTANCE.**

8 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

9 (1) **AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY.**—The term  
10 “agricultural commodity” has the meaning given  
11 that term in section 102 of the Agricultural Trade  
12 Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 5602).

13 (2) **MEDICAL DEVICE.**—The term “medical de-  
14 vice” has the meaning given the term “device” in  
15 section 201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-  
16 metic Act (21 U.S.C. 321).

17 (3) **MEDICINE.**—The term “medicine” has the  
18 meaning given the term “drug” in section 201 of the  
19 Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.  
20 321).

21 (b) **IN GENERAL.**—Any transaction, not otherwise  
22 prohibited by under part V of title 31, Code of Federal  
23 Regulations, or any Executive order relating to the na-  
24 tional emergency declared in Executive Order 13692 (50  
25 U.S.C. 1701 note), for the sale of agricultural commod-

ities, food, medicine, or medical devices to Venezuela, or for the provision of humanitarian assistance to the people of Venezuela, and any transaction that is ordinarily incidental or necessary to any such transaction, regardless of whether the transaction or provision of humanitarian assistance originate in, or have a connection to, the United States, shall be exempt from United States sanctions, including sanctions described in—

(1) sections 603, 605, 606, 608, and 701;

(2) the Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–278); or

(3) Executive Orders 13808 and 13850.

**SEC. 204. COORDINATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF VENEZUELA.**

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the “Humanitarian Assistance to the Venezuelan People Act of 2019”.

(b) **DEFINED TERM.**—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(1) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate;

(2) the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;

1           (3) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the  
2           House of Representatives; and

3           (4) the Committee on Appropriations of the  
4           House of Representatives.

5           (c) REPORT ON THE COORDINATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF  
6           VENEZUELA INCLUDING STRATEGY ON FUTURE EFFORTS.—

9           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after  
10          the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
11          of State, in coordination with the Administrator of  
12          the United States Agency for International Development, shall submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees that evaluates the delivery  
13          and coordination of humanitarian assistance to the  
14          people of Venezuela, whether residing in Venezuela  
15          or elsewhere in the Western Hemisphere.

18          (2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report  
19          required under paragraph (1) shall—

20                 (A) identify how United States Agency for  
21                 International Development and Department of  
22                 State best practices are being utilized in providing humanitarian assistance to Venezuela  
23                 and countries in the region;  
24

1 (B) describe the current and anticipated  
2 challenges to distributing humanitarian assist-  
3 ance in Venezuela and countries hosting Ven-  
4 ezuelan migrants; and

5 (C) describe how the distribution of hu-  
6 manitarian assistance is being monitored and  
7 evaluated, including—

8 (i) the number of beneficiaries receiv-  
9 ing such assistance;

10 (ii) an assessment of how humani-  
11 tarian and development assistance is bene-  
12 fitting Venezuelan migrants inside and  
13 outside of the country; and

14 (iii) what additional staff may be nec-  
15 essary to manage such assistance.

16 **TITLE III—ADDRESSING REGIME**  
17 **COHESION**

18 **SEC. 301. CLASSIFIED REPORT ON DECLINING COHESION**  
19 **INSIDE THE VENEZUELAN MILITARY AND**  
20 **THE MADURO REGIME.**

21 (a) **REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**—Not later than 90  
22 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
23 retary of State, acting through the Bureau of Intelligence  
24 and Research, and in coordination with the Director of  
25 National Intelligence, shall submit a classified report to



1 the appropriate congressional committees that assesses  
2 the declining cohesion inside the Venezuelan military and  
3 security forces and the Maduro regime.

4 (b) ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS.—The report submitted  
5 under subsection (a) shall—

6 (1) identify senior members of the Venezuelan  
7 military and the Maduro regime, including generals,  
8 admirals, cabinet ministers, deputy cabinet min-  
9 isters, and the heads of intelligence agencies, whose  
10 loyalty to Nicolás Maduro is declining;

11 (2) describe the factors that would accelerate  
12 the decision making of individuals identified in para-  
13 graph (1)—

14 (A) to break with the Maduro regime; and

15 (B) to recognize the Interim President of  
16 Venezuela and his government; and

17 (3) assess and detail the massive number of de-  
18 sertions and defections that have occurred at the of-  
19 ficer and enlisted levels inside the Venezuelan mili-  
20 tary and security forces.

21 (c) BRIEFING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 30  
22 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
23 retary of State, acting through the Bureau of Intelligence  
24 and Research, and in coordination with the Director of  
25 National Intelligence, shall provide a classified briefing to

1 appropriate congressional committees on the subject mat-  
2 ter described in subsections (a) and (b).

3 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—

4 In this section, the term “appropriate congressional com-  
5 mittees” means—

6 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the  
7 Senate;

8 (2) the Select Committee on Intelligence of the  
9 Senate;

10 (3) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the  
11 House of Representatives; and

12 (4) the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-  
13 ligence of the House of Representatives.

14 **SEC. 302. ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON VISAS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall im-  
16 pose the visa restrictions described in subsection (c) on  
17 any foreign person who the Secretary determines—

18 (1) is a current or former senior official of the  
19 Maduro regime, or any foreign person acting on be-  
20 half of such regime, who is knowingly responsible  
21 for, complicit in, responsible for ordering, control-  
22 ling, or otherwise directing, or participating in (di-  
23 rectly or indirectly) any activity in or in relation to  
24 Venezuela, on or after January 23, 2019, that sig-  
25 nificantly undermines or threatens the integrity of—

1 (A) the democratically-elected National As-  
2 sembly of Venezuela; or

3 (B) the President of such National Assem-  
4 bly, while serving as Interim President of Ven-  
5 ezuela, or the senior government officials under  
6 the supervision of such President;

7 (2) is the spouse or child of a foreign person  
8 described in paragraph (1); or

9 (3) is the spouse or child of Venezuelan person  
10 sanctioned under—

11 (A) section 5(a) of the Venezuela Defense  
12 of Human Rights and Civil Society Act of 2014  
13 (Public Law 113–278), as amended by section  
14 603 of this Act;

15 (B) section 804(b) of the Foreign Nar-  
16 cotics Kingpin Designation Act (21 U.S.C.  
17 1903(b)); or

18 (C) Executive Orders 13692 (50 U.S.C.  
19 1701 note) and 13850.

20 (b) REMOVAL FROM VISA REVOCATION LIST.—Pur-  
21 suant to such procedures as the Secretary of State may  
22 establish to implement this section—

23 (1) if any person described in subsection (a)(1)  
24 recognizes and pledges support for the Interim  
25 President of Venezuela or a subsequent democrat-

1 ically elected government of Venezuela, that person  
2 and any family members of that person who were  
3 subject to visa restrictions pursuant to subsection  
4 (a)(2) shall no longer be subject to such visa restric-  
5 tions; and

6 (2) if any person described in subparagraphs  
7 (A) through (C) of subsection (a)(3) recognizes and  
8 pledges support for the Interim President of Ven-  
9 ezuela or a subsequent democratically elected gov-  
10 ernment of Venezuela, any family members of that  
11 person who were subject to visa restrictions pursu-  
12 ant to subsection (a)(3) shall no longer be subject to  
13 such visa restrictions.

14 (c) VISA RESTRICTIONS DESCRIBED.—

15 (1) EXCLUSION FROM THE UNITED STATES  
16 AND REVOCATION OF VISA OR OTHER DOCUMENTA-  
17 TION.—Subject to paragraph (2) and subsection (b),  
18 an alien described in subsection (a)—

19 (A) is inadmissible to the United States;

20 (B) is ineligible to receive a visa or other  
21 documentation authorizing entry into the  
22 United States;

23 (C) is otherwise ineligible to be admitted  
24 into the United States or to receive any benefit

1 under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8  
2 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.); and

3 (D) shall, in accordance with section 221(i)  
4 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8  
5 U.S.C. 1201(i), have his or her visa or other  
6 documentation revoked, regardless of when the  
7 visa or other documentation was issued.

8 (2) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH UNITED NA-  
9 TIONS HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT.—Sanctions  
10 under paragraph (1) shall not apply to an alien if  
11 admitting the alien into the United States is nec-  
12 essary to permit the United States to comply with  
13 the Agreement regarding the Headquarters of the  
14 United Nations, signed at Lake Success June 26,  
15 1947, and entered into force November 21, 1947,  
16 between the United Nations and the United States,  
17 or other applicable international obligations.

18 (d) RULEMAKING.—The President shall issue such  
19 regulations, licenses, and orders as may be necessary to  
20 carry out this section.

21 **SEC. 303. WAIVER FOR SANCTIONED OFFICIALS THAT REC-**  
22 **OGNIZE THE INTERIM PRESIDENT OF VEN-**  
23 **EZUELA.**

24 (a) REMOVAL OF SANCTIONS.—If a person sanc-  
25 tioned under any of the provisions of law described in sub-

1 section (b) recognizes and pledges supports for the Interim  
2 President of Venezuela or a subsequent democratically  
3 elected government, the person shall no longer be subject  
4 to such sanctions, pursuant to such procedures as the Sec-  
5 retary of State and the Secretary of the Treasury may  
6 establish to implement this section.

7 (b) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions de-  
8 scribed in this subsection are set forth in the following  
9 provisions of law:

10 (1)(A) Paragraphs (3) and (4) of section 5(a)  
11 of the Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil  
12 Society Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–278), as  
13 amended by section 603 of this Act.

14 (B) Paragraph (5) of section 5(a) of such Act,  
15 to the extent such paragraph relates to the sanctions  
16 described in paragraph (3) or (4) of such subsection.

17 (2)(A) Clauses (1) and (4) of section 1(a)(ii)(A)  
18 of Executive Order 13692 (50 U.S.C. 1701 note).

19 (B) Subparagraph (D)(2) of section 1(a)(ii) of  
20 such Executive Order, to the extent such subpara-  
21 graph relates to the provisions of law cited in sub-  
22 paragraph (A).

23 (3)(A) Section 1(a)(ii) of Executive Order  
24 13850.

1           (B) Paragraph (iii) of section 1(a) of such Ex-  
2           ecutive Order, to the extent such paragraph relates  
3           to the provision of law cited in subparagraph (A).

4           (c) RULEMAKING.—The President shall issue such  
5           regulations, licenses, and orders as may be necessary to  
6           carry out this section.

7           **TITLE IV—RESTORING DEMOC-**  
8           **RACY AND ADDRESSING THE**  
9           **POLITICAL CRISIS IN VEN-**  
10          **EZUELA**

11          **SEC. 401. SUPPORT FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN**  
12   **STATES AND THE LIMA GROUP.**

13          (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
14          gress that the Secretary of State should—

15                 (1) take additional steps to support ongoing ef-  
16                 forts by the Secretary General of the Organization  
17                 of American States to promote diplomatic initiatives  
18                 to foster the restoration of democracy and the rule  
19                 of law in Venezuela;

20                 (2) conduct diplomatic engagement in support  
21                 of efforts by the Lima Group to restore democracy  
22                 and the rule of law in Venezuela and facilitate the  
23                 delivery of humanitarian assistance for the Ven-  
24                 ezuelan people; and

1           (3) engage with the International Contact  
2 Group on Venezuela to advance a peaceful and  
3 democratic solution to the current crisis.

4           (b) DEFINED TERMS.—In this section:

5           (1) INTERNATIONAL CONTACT GROUP ON VEN-  
6 EZUELA.—The “International Contact Group on  
7 Venezuela” refers to a diplomatic bloc—

8           (A) whose members include the European  
9 Union, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Por-  
10 tugal, Sweden, the Netherlands, the United  
11 Kingdom, Ecuador, Costa Rica, and Uruguay;  
12 and

13           (B) which was established to advance a  
14 peaceful and democratic solution to the current  
15 crisis in Venezuela.

16           (2) LIMA GROUP.—The “Lima Group” refers to  
17 a diplomatic bloc—

18           (A) whose members include Argentina,  
19 Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica,  
20 Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Panama, Para-  
21 guay, Peru, and Saint Lucia; and

22           (B) which was established to address the  
23 political, economic, and humanitarian crises in  
24 Venezuela.



1 **SEC. 402. ACCOUNTABILITY FOR CRIMES AGAINST HUMAN-**  
2 **ITY.**

3 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
4 gress that the Secretary of State should conduct robust  
5 diplomatic engagement in support of efforts in Venezuela,  
6 and on the part of the international community, to ensure  
7 accountability for possible crimes against humanity and  
8 serious violations of human rights.

9 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date  
10 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall  
11 submit a report to Congress that—

12 (1) evaluates the degree to which the Maduro  
13 regime and its officials, including members of the  
14 Venezuelan security forces, have engaged in actions  
15 that constitute possible crimes against humanity and  
16 serious violations of human rights; and

17 (2) provides options for holding accountable the  
18 perpetrators identified under paragraph (1).

19 **SEC. 403. SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL ELECTION OB-**  
20 **SERVATION AND DEMOCRATIC CIVIL SOCI-**  
21 **ETY.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in coordi-  
23 nation with the Administrator of the United States Agen-  
24 cy for International Development—

25 (1) shall work with the Organization of Amer-  
26 ican States to ensure credible international observa-

1       tion of future elections in Venezuela that contributes  
2       to free, fair, and transparent democratic electoral  
3       processes; and

4               (2) shall work with nongovernmental organiza-  
5       tions—

6                       (A) to strengthen democratic governance  
7                       and institutions, including the democratically  
8                       elected National Assembly of Venezuela;

9                       (B) to defend internationally recognized  
10                      human rights for the people of Venezuela, in-  
11                      cluding support for efforts to document crimes  
12                      against humanity and violations of human  
13                      rights;

14                     (C) to support the efforts of independent  
15                     media outlets to broadcast, distribute, and  
16                     share information beyond the limited channels  
17                     made available by the Maduro regime; and

18                     (D) to combat corruption and improve the  
19                     transparency and accountability of institutions  
20                     that are part of the Maduro regime.

21       (b) **ENGAGEMENT AT THE ORGANIZATION OF AMER-**  
22 **ICAN STATES.**—The Secretary of State, acting through  
23 the United States Permanent Representative to the Orga-  
24 nization of American States, should advocate and build  
25 diplomatic support for sending an election observation

1 mission to Venezuela to ensure that democratic electoral  
2 processes are organized and carried out in a free, fair, and  
3 transparent manner.

4 (c) BRIEFING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180  
5 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
6 retary of State, in coordination with the Administrator of  
7 the United States Agency for International Development,  
8 shall provide a briefing on the strategy to carry out the  
9 activities described in subsection (a) to—

10 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the  
11 Senate;

12 (2) the Committee on Appropriations of the  
13 Senate;

14 (3) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the  
15 House of Representatives; and

16 (4) the Committee on Appropriations of the  
17 House of Representatives.

18 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be  
20 appropriated to the Secretary of State for fiscal year  
21 2020, \$17,500,000 to carry out the activities set  
22 forth in subsection (a).

23 (2) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—Amounts  
24 appropriated pursuant to paragraph (1) are subject  
25 to the notification requirements applicable to ex-

1       penditures from the Economic Support Fund under  
2       section 531(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961  
3       (22 U.S.C. 2346(c)) and from the Development As-  
4       sistance Fund under section 653(a) of the Foreign  
5       Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2413(a)), to the  
6       extent that such funds are expended.

7       **TITLE V—SUPPORTING THE RE-**  
8       **CONSTRUCTION OF VEN-**  
9       **EZUELA**

10      **SEC. 501. ENGAGING INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITU-**  
11                                    **TIONS TO ADVANCE THE RECONSTRUCTION**  
12                                    **OF VENEZUELA'S ECONOMY AND ENERGY IN-**  
13                                    **FRASTRUCTURE.**

14       (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall engage the  
15      International Monetary Fund and the Multilateral Devel-  
16      opment Banks to support a framework for the economic  
17      reconstruction of Venezuela, contingent upon the restora-  
18      tion of democracy and the rule of law in the country.

19       (b) ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS.—The framework cre-  
20      ated under subsection (a) should include policy pro-  
21      posals—

22                   (1) to provide Venezuelans with humanitarian  
23      assistance, poverty alleviation, and a social safety  
24      net;

1           (2) to advance debt restructuring and debt sus-  
2           tainability measures;

3           (3) to restore the production and efficient man-  
4           agement of Venezuela's oil industry, including re-  
5           building energy infrastructure;

6           (4) to eliminate price controls and market dis-  
7           torting subsidies in the Venezuelan economy; and

8           (5) to address hyperinflation in Venezuela.

9           (c) CONSULTATION.—In supporting the framework  
10          under subsection (a), the President shall consult with rel-  
11          evant stakeholders in the humanitarian (including inter-  
12          national and nongovernmental organizations), financial,  
13          and energy sectors.

14          (d) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
15          gress that any effort to conduct debt restructuring  
16          should—

17                 (1) include discussions with China, which is  
18                 Venezuela's biggest creditor; and

19                 (2) appropriately account for China's and Rus-  
20                 sia's high-risk lending to Venezuela.

21          (e) CERTIFICATION.—The President may not support  
22          lending or financing for Venezuela from the International  
23          Monetary Fund and the Multilateral Development Banks  
24          until the Secretary of State submits a report to the Com-  
25          mittee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and Committee

1 on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives certi-  
2 fying that any such lending or financing—

3 (1) would be managed by the Interim President  
4 of Venezuela or a new, democratically-elected Presi-  
5 dent;

6 (2) would not be used to repay external credi-  
7 tors who are not members of the Group of Seven un-  
8 less such payments are essential to the restoration  
9 of economic stability and democracy in Venezuela;  
10 and

11 (3) would not benefit the Maduro regime.

12 (f) WAIVER.—The President may waive the certifi-  
13 cation requirement under subsection (e) if the President—

14 (1) determines that such waiver is in the na-  
15 tional interest of the United States; and

16 (2) not later than 30 days after making a de-  
17 termination under paragraph (1), submits to the  
18 congressional committees referred to in subsection  
19 (e)—

20 (A) an explanation for why such a waiver  
21 is in the United States national interest; and

22 (B) why the Secretary of State is unable to  
23 submit the certification described in subsection  
24 (e).

1 **SEC. 502. RECOVERING ASSETS STOLEN FROM THE VEN-**  
2 **EZUELAN PEOPLE.**

3 (a) **RECOVERING ASSETS.**—The Secretary of State,  
4 the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Attorney General  
5 shall advance a coordinated international effort—

6 (1) to carry out special financial investigations  
7 to identify and track assets taken from the people  
8 and institutions of Venezuela through theft, corrup-  
9 tion, money laundering, or other illicit means; and

10 (2) to work with foreign governments—

11 (A) to share financial investigations intel-  
12 ligence, as appropriate;

13 (B) to block the assets identified pursuant  
14 to paragraph (1); and

15 (C) to provide technical assistance to help  
16 governments establish the necessary legal  
17 framework to carry out asset forfeitures.

18 (b) **ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS.**—The coordinated inter-  
19 national effort described in subsection (a) should include  
20 input from—

21 (1) the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the  
22 Department of the Treasury;

23 (2) the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network  
24 of the Department of the Treasury; and

25 (3) the Money Laundering and Asset Recovery  
26 Section of the Department of Justice.

1 (c) STRATEGY REQUIREMENT.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
3 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
4 retary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, and  
5 the Attorney General shall submit a strategy for car-  
6 rying out the activities described in subsection (a)  
7 to—

8 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of  
9 the Senate;

10 (B) the Committee on Banking, Housing,  
11 and Urban Affairs of the Senate;

12 (C) the Committee on the Judiciary of the  
13 Senate;

14 (D) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
15 the House of Representatives;

16 (E) the Committee on Financial Services  
17 of the House of Representatives; and

18 (F) the Committee on the Judiciary of the  
19 House of Representatives.

20 (2) ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS.—The strategy re-  
21 quired by paragraph (1) shall include the following:

22 (A) An assessment whether the United  
23 States or another member of the international  
24 community should establish a managed fund to  
25 hold the assets identified pursuant to subsection



1 (a)(1) that could be returned to a future demo-  
2 cratic government in Venezuela.

3 (B) Such recommendations as the Secre-  
4 taries and the Attorney General consider appro-  
5 priate for legislative or administrative action in  
6 the United States that would be needed to es-  
7 tablish and manage the fund described in sub-  
8 paragraph (A).

9 **TITLE VI—RESTORING THE**  
10 **RULE OF LAW IN VENEZUELA**

11 **SEC. 601. DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING A COORDI-**  
12 **NATED SANCTIONS STRATEGY WITH PART-**  
13 **NERS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE AND**  
14 **THE EUROPEAN UNION.**

15 (a) **STRENGTHENING SANCTIONS CAPACITY IN LATIN**  
16 **AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN.**—The Secretary of State,  
17 in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, shall  
18 offer to provide technical assistance to partner govern-  
19 ments in Latin America and the Caribbean to assist such  
20 governments in establishing the legislative and regulatory  
21 frameworks needed to impose targeted sanctions on offi-  
22 cials of the Maduro regime who—

23 (1) are responsible for human rights abuses;

24 (2) have engaged in public corruption; or

1           (3) are undermining democratic institutions and  
2           processes in Venezuela.

3           (b) COORDINATING INTERNATIONAL SANCTIONS.—

4           The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary  
5           of the Treasury, shall engage in diplomatic efforts with  
6           partner governments, including the Government of Can-  
7           ada, governments in the European Union, and govern-  
8           ments in Latin America and the Caribbean, to impose tar-  
9           geted sanctions on the Maduro regime officials described  
10          in subsection (a).

11          (c) STRATEGY REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 90  
12          days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
13          retary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the  
14          Treasury, shall submit a strategy for carrying out the ac-  
15          tivities described in subsection (a) to—

16                 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the  
17                 Senate;

18                 (2) the Committee on Appropriations of the  
19                 Senate;

20                 (3) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the  
21                 House of Representatives; and

22                 (4) the Committee on Appropriations of the  
23                 House of Representatives.

24          (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be  
2           appropriated to the Secretary of State for fiscal year  
3           2020, \$3,000,000 to carry out the activities set forth  
4           in subsection (a).

5           (2) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—Amounts  
6           appropriated pursuant to paragraph (1) are subject  
7           to the notification requirements applicable to ex-  
8           penditures from the Economic Support Fund under  
9           section 531(e) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961  
10          (22 U.S.C. 2346(e)) and the International Narcotics  
11          and Law Enforcement Fund under section 489 of  
12          the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.  
13          2291h) to the extent that such funds are expended.

14 **SEC. 602. CLASSIFIED BRIEFING ON THE INVOLVEMENT OF**  
15                           **VENEZUELAN OFFICIALS IN CORRUPTION**  
16                           **AND ILLICIT NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING.**

17          (a) BRIEFING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 90  
18          days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
19          retary of State, acting through the Bureau of Intelligence  
20          and Research, and in coordination with the Director of  
21          National Intelligence, shall provide a classified briefing to  
22          the appropriate congressional committees on the involve-  
23          ment of senior officials of the Maduro regime, including  
24          members of the National Electoral Council, the judicial  
25          system, and the Venezuelan security forces, in illicit nar-

1 cotics trafficking and significant acts of public corruption  
2 in Venezuela.

3 (b) ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS.—The briefing provided  
4 under subsection (a) shall—

5 (1) describe how the significant acts of public  
6 corruption pose challenges for United States na-  
7 tional security and impact the rule of law and demo-  
8 cratic governance in countries of the Western Hemi-  
9 sphere;

10 (2) identify individuals for whom there is cred-  
11 ible information that they frustrated the ability of  
12 the United States to combat illicit narcotics traf-  
13 ficking;

14 (3) include an assessment of the relationship  
15 between individuals identified under subsection (a)  
16 and Nicolás Maduro or members of his cabinet; and

17 (4) include input from the Drug Enforcement  
18 Administration, the Office of Foreign Assets Con-  
19 trol, and the Financial Crimes Enforcement Net-  
20 work.

21 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—

22 In this section, the term “appropriate congressional com-  
23 mittees” means—

24 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the  
25 Senate;

1           (2) the Select Committee on Intelligence of the  
2       Senate;

3           (3) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the  
4       House of Representatives; and

5           (4) the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-  
6       ligence of the House of Representatives.

7 **SEC. 603. SANCTIONS ON PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR PUB-**  
8                           **LIC CORRUPTION AND UNDERMINING DEMO-**  
9                           **CRATIC GOVERNANCE.**

10       (a) FINDING.—Executive Order 13692 (50 U.S.C.  
11 1701 note), which was signed on March 8, 2015, provided  
12 for sanctions against any person determined to be respon-  
13 sible for actions that undermine democratic processes and  
14 institutions or responsible for acts of public corruption by  
15 senior officials within the Government of Venezuela that  
16 were not included in the Venezuela Defense of Human  
17 Rights and Civil Society Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–  
18 278).

19       (b) SANCTIONS.—Section 5(a) of the Venezuela De-  
20 fense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act of 2014  
21 (Public Law 113–278) is amended—

22           (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “or” at the  
23       end;

24           (2) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-  
25       graph (5);

1           (3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-  
2           lowing:

3           “(3) is responsible for, or complicit in, ordering,  
4           controlling, or otherwise directing, significant actions  
5           or policies that undermine democratic processes or  
6           institutions;

7           “(4) is responsible for, complicit in, ordering,  
8           controlling, or otherwise directing, or to have partici-  
9           pated in, directly or indirectly, public corruption by  
10          senior officials within the Government of Venezuela;  
11          or”;

12          (4) in paragraph (5), as redesignated, by strik-  
13          ing “paragraph (1) or (2)” and inserting “para-  
14          graph (1), (2), (3), or (4)”.

15 **SEC. 604. PUBLIC INFORMATION ABOUT SANCTIONED OFFI-**  
16 **CIALS.**

17          (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 90 days after the  
18          date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Treas-  
19          ury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall pro-  
20          vide a classified briefing to the appropriate congressional  
21          committees on the total assessed value of blocked assets  
22          of Venezuelans designated under sanctions authorized  
23          under—

1           (1) the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation  
2 Act (title VIII of Public Law 106–120; 21 U.S.C.  
3 1901 et seq.);

4           (2) the Venezuela Defense of Human Rights  
5 and Civil Society Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–  
6 278), as amended by section 603 of this Act; or

7           (3) Executive Orders 13692 (50 U.S.C. 1701  
8 note) and 13850.

9           (b) ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS.—The briefing provided  
10 under subsection (a) should provide descriptions of specific  
11 cases that are most representative of the endemic corrup-  
12 tion and illicit financial activities occurring in Venezuela.

13           (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—  
14 In this section, the term “appropriate congressional com-  
15 mittees” means—

16           (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the  
17 Senate;

18           (2) the Committee on Banking, Housing, and  
19 Urban Affairs of the Senate;

20           (3) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the  
21 House of Representatives; and

22           (4) the Committee on Financial Services of the  
23 House of Representatives.

1 **SEC. 605. FINANCIAL SANCTIONS ON MADURO REGIME**  
2 **DEBT.**

3 (a) FINDING.—Executive Order 13808 (82 Fed. Reg.  
4 41155), which was signed on August 24, 2017, provided  
5 for sanctions intended to limit the ability of the Maduro  
6 regime to issue public debt.

7 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section and in sections  
8 606 and 608:

9 (1) ENTITY.—The term “entity” means a part-  
10 nership, association, trust, joint venture, corpora-  
11 tion, group, subgroup, or organization.

12 (2) PERSON.—The term “person” means an in-  
13 dividual or entity.

14 (3) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term  
15 “United States person” means any—

16 (A) United States citizen;

17 (B) alien lawfully admitted for permanent  
18 residence to the United States;

19 (C) entity organized under the laws of the  
20 United States or any jurisdiction within the  
21 United States (including a foreign branch of  
22 any such entity); and

23 (D) any person physically located in the  
24 United States.

25 (c) IN GENERAL.—The President may prohibit, in  
26 the United States or by a United States person—



1           (1) any transaction related to, provision of fi-  
2 nancing for, or other dealing in—

3           (A) debt instruments with a maturity of  
4 greater than 90 days issued by *Petróleos de*  
5 *Venezuela, S.A.*, on or after the date of the en-  
6 actment of this Act;

7           (B) debt instruments with a maturity of  
8 greater than 30 days or equity issued by the  
9 *Maduro* regime on or after the date of the en-  
10 actment of this Act, excluding debt instruments  
11 issued by *Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A.*, that are  
12 not covered under subparagraph (A);

13           (C) bonds issued by the *Maduro* regime be-  
14 fore the date of the enactment of this Act; or

15           (D) dividend payments or other distribu-  
16 tions of profits to the *Maduro* regime from any  
17 entity owned or controlled, directly or indirectly,  
18 by the *Maduro* regime;

19           (2) the direct or indirect purchase of securities  
20 from the *Maduro* regime, except for—

21           (A) securities qualifying as debt instru-  
22 ments issued by *Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A.*,  
23 on or after the date of the enactment of this  
24 Act that are not described in paragraph (1)(A);  
25 and



1 (b) PROHIBITION.—The President may prohibit a  
2 United States person or any person within the United  
3 States from—

4 (1) purchasing any debt owed to the Maduro  
5 regime, including accounts receivable;

6 (2) entering into any transaction related to any  
7 debt owed to the Maduro regime that is pledged as  
8 collateral after May 21, 2018, including accounts re-  
9 ceivable; or

10 (3) entering into any transaction involving the  
11 selling, transferring, assigning, or pledging as collat-  
12 eral by the Maduro regime of any equity interest in  
13 any entity in which the Maduro regime has a 50  
14 percent or greater ownership interest.

15 (c) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
16 gress that the President should waive the prohibitions de-  
17 scribed in subsection (a) and in Executive Order 13835  
18 if transactions involving related debt instruments, bonds,  
19 or securities have been approved or ratified by the demo-  
20 cratically elected National Assembly of Venezuela.

21 **SEC. 607. EXPANDING KINGPIN SANCTIONS ON NARCOTICS**  
22 **TRAFFICKING AND MONEY LAUNDERING.**

23 (a) FINANCIAL SANCTIONS EXPANSION.—The Sec-  
24 retary of the Treasury, the Attorney General, the Sec-  
25 retary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and the Director

1 of the Central Intelligence Agency should expand inves-  
2 tigations, intelligence collection, and analysis pursuant to  
3 the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (21  
4 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.) to facilitate the identification and  
5 support the application of sanctions against—

6 (1) significant foreign narcotics traffickers,  
7 their organizations and networks; and

8 (2) the foreign persons who provide material, fi-  
9 nancial, or technological support to such traffickers,  
10 organizations, and networks.

11 (b) TARGETS.—The efforts described in subsection  
12 (a) should specifically target—

13 (1) senior members of the Maduro regime, in-  
14 cluding military officers, involved in narcotics traf-  
15 ficking and money laundering;

16 (2) foreign narcotics traffickers and their orga-  
17 nizations and networks that are operating in Ven-  
18 ezuela; and

19 (3) the foreign persons who provide material, fi-  
20 nancial, or technological support to such traffickers,  
21 organizations, and networks that are operating in  
22 Venezuela.

1 **SEC. 608. SANCTIONS ON THE MADURO REGIME'S TRADE IN**  
2 **GOLD.**

3 (a) FINDING.—Executive Order 13850, which was  
4 signed on November 1, 2018, ordered sanctions against  
5 the gold sector of the Venezuelan economy.

6 (b) SANCTIONS AUTHORIZED.—The President, in  
7 consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and the  
8 Secretary of State, may block and prohibit the transfer,  
9 payment, exportation, withdrawal, or other disposition of  
10 all property and interests in property of any person that  
11 operates in the gold sector of the Venezuelan economy if  
12 such property is in the United States, comes into the  
13 United States, or is or comes within the possession or con-  
14 trol of any United States person.

15 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after enact-  
16 ment of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury shall sub-  
17 mit a report to the appropriate congressional committees  
18 (as defined in section 612(b)) that—

19 (1) details whether section 5318A of title 31,  
20 United States Code, provides the Secretary of the  
21 Treasury with sufficient authority to fully address  
22 the extent to which transactions related to finished  
23 and unfinished precious metals are used to assist in  
24 money-laundering transactions, particularly with re-  
25 spect to high-risk jurisdictions, including Venezuela;

1           (2) includes recommendations the Secretary of  
2           the Treasury considers necessary and appropriate  
3           for United States legislative or administrative action  
4           that would be needed to address any findings re-  
5           ferred to in paragraph (1); and

6           (3) includes, in a classified annex, an expla-  
7           nation for how the Department of the Treasury is  
8           currently using its authorities under section 5318A  
9           of title 31, United States Code, to address trans-  
10          actions related to precious metals that are used to  
11          assist in money-laundering transactions.

12 **SEC. 609. CONCERNS OVER PDVSA TRANSACTIONS WITH**  
13 **ROSNEFT.**

14          (a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress makes the following find-  
15 ings:

16           (1) In late 2016, Venezuelan state-owned oil  
17           company *Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A.* (referred to in  
18           this section as “PDVSA”), through a no compete  
19           transaction, secured a loan from Russian govern-  
20           ment-controlled oil company Rosneft, using 49.9 per-  
21           cent of PDVSA’s American subsidiary, CITGO Pe-  
22           troleum Corporation, including its assets in the  
23           United States, as collateral. As a result of this  
24           transaction, 100 percent of CITGO is held as collat-  
25           eral by PDVSA’s creditors.

1           (2) CITGO, a wholly owned subsidiary of  
2 PDVSA, is engaged in interstate commerce and  
3 owns and controls critical energy infrastructure in  
4 19 States of the United States, including an exten-  
5 sive network of pipelines, 48 terminals, and 3 refin-  
6 eries, with a combined oil refining capacity of  
7 749,000 barrels per day. CITGO's refinery in Lake  
8 Charles, Louisiana, is the sixth largest refinery in  
9 the United States.

10           (3) The Department of the Treasury imposed  
11 sanctions on Rosneft, which is controlled by the Gov-  
12 ernment of the Russian Federation, and its Execu-  
13 tive Chairman, Igor Sechin, following Russia's mili-  
14 tary invasion of Ukraine and its illegal annexation of  
15 Crimea in 2014.

16           (4) The Department of Homeland Security has  
17 designated the energy sector as critical to United  
18 States infrastructure.

19           (5) The growing economic crisis in Venezuela  
20 raises the probability that the Maduro regime and  
21 PDVSA will default on their international debt obli-  
22 gations, resulting in a scenario in which Rosneft  
23 could come into control of CITGO's United States  
24 energy infrastructure holdings.

1 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
2 gress that—

3 (1) control of critical United States energy in-  
4 frastructure by Rosneft, a Russian government-con-  
5 trolled entity currently under United States sanc-  
6 tions that is led by Igor Sechin, who is also under  
7 United States sanctions and is a close associate of  
8 Vladimir Putin, would pose a significant risk to  
9 United States national security and energy security;  
10 and

11 (2) a default by PDVSA on its loan from  
12 Rosneft, resulting in Rosneft coming into possession  
13 of PDVSA's United States CITGO assets, would  
14 warrant careful consideration by the Committee on  
15 Foreign Investment in the United States.

16 (c) PREVENTING ROSNEFT FROM CONTROLLING  
17 UNITED STATES ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE.—The Presi-  
18 dent shall take all necessary steps to prevent Rosneft from  
19 gaining control of critical United States energy infrastruc-  
20 ture.

21 (d) SECURITY RISK BRIEFING.—Not later than 90  
22 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
23 retary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of the  
24 Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State and  
25 the Secretary of Energy, shall provide a briefing on the



1 security risks posed by Russian control of CITGO's  
2 United States energy infrastructure holdings to—

3 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the  
4 Senate;

5 (2) the Committee on Homeland Security and  
6 Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

7 (3) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the  
8 House of Representatives; and

9 (4) the Committee on Homeland Security of the  
10 House of Representatives.

11 **SEC. 610. CLASSIFIED BRIEFING ON ACTIVITIES OF CER-**  
12 **TAIN FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND ACTORS**  
13 **IN VENEZUELA.**

14 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 90 days after the  
15 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,  
16 acting through the Bureau of Intelligence and Research  
17 of the Department of State, and in coordination with the  
18 Director of National Intelligence, shall provide a classified  
19 briefing to the appropriate congressional committees on—

20 (1) the full extent of cooperation by the Govern-  
21 ment of the Russian Federation, the Government of  
22 the People's Republic of China, the Government of  
23 Cuba, and the Government of Iran with the Maduro  
24 regime; and

1           (2) the activities inside Venezuelan territory of  
2 foreign armed groups, including Colombian criminal  
3 organizations and defectors from the Colombian gue-  
4 rilla group known as the Revolutionary Armed  
5 Forces of Colombia, and foreign terrorist organiza-  
6 tions, including the Colombian guerilla group known  
7 as the National Liberation Army (ELN).

8           (b) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—  
9 In this section, the term “appropriate congressional com-  
10 mittees” means—

11           (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the  
12 Senate;

13           (2) the Select Committee on Intelligence of the  
14 Senate;

15           (3) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the  
16 House of Representatives; and

17           (4) the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-  
18 ligence of the House of Representatives.

19 **SEC. 611. COUNTERING RUSSIAN INFLUENCE IN VEN-**  
20 **EZUELA.**

21           (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the  
22 “Russian-Venezuelan Threat Mitigation Act”.

23           (b) THREAT ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGY TO  
24 COUNTER RUSSIAN INFLUENCE IN VENEZUELA.—

1           (1) DEFINED TERM.—In this subsection, the  
2 term “appropriate congressional committees”  
3 means—

4           (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of  
5 the Senate; and

6           (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
7 the House of Representatives.

8           (2) THREAT ASSESSMENT.—Not later than 90  
9 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
10 Secretary of State shall brief the appropriate con-  
11 gressional committees regarding—

12           (A) an assessment of Russian-Venezuelan  
13 security cooperation; and

14           (B) the potential threat such cooperation  
15 poses to the United States and countries in the  
16 Western Hemisphere.

17           (3) STRATEGY.—Not later than 30 days after  
18 the briefing required under paragraph (2), the Sec-  
19 retary of State shall brief the appropriate congres-  
20 sional committees regarding a strategy to counter  
21 threats identified in such assessment from Russian-  
22 Venezuelan cooperation.

23           (c) ALIENS INELIGIBLE FOR VISAS, ADMISSION, OR  
24 PAROLE.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—An alien who the Secretary  
2 of State or the Secretary of Homeland Security (or  
3 a designee of either Secretary) knows, or has reason  
4 to believe, is an alien who is acting or has acted on  
5 behalf of the Russian Government in direct support  
6 of the security forces of the Maduro regime is—

7                   (A) inadmissible to the United States;

8                   (B) ineligible to receive a visa or other doc-  
9 umentation to enter the United States; and

10                  (C) otherwise ineligible to be admitted into  
11 the United States or to receive any other ben-  
12 efit under the Immigration and Nationality Act  
13 (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).

14           (2) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—

15                  (A) IN GENERAL.—The issuing consular  
16 officer, the Secretary of State, or the Secretary  
17 of Homeland Security (or a designee of one of  
18 such Secretaries) shall, in accordance with sec-  
19 tion 221(i) of the Immigration and Nationality  
20 Act (8 U.S.C. 1201(i)), revoke any visa or other  
21 entry documentation issued to an alien de-  
22 scribed in paragraph (1) regardless of when the  
23 visa or other entry documentation is issued.

24                  (B) EFFECT OF REVOCATION.—A revoca-  
25 tion under subparagraph (A) shall—

- 1 (i) take effect immediately; and  
2 (ii) automatically cancel any other  
3 valid visa or entry documentation that is in  
4 the alien's possession.

5 (3) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH UNITED NA-  
6 TIONS HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT OR FOR NA-  
7 TIONAL SECURITY REASONS.—

8 (A) INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.—This  
9 section shall not apply to an alien if admitting  
10 or paroling the alien into the United States is  
11 necessary to permit the United States to com-  
12 ply with—

13 (i) the Agreement regarding the  
14 Headquarters of the United Nations,  
15 signed at Lake Success June 26, 1947,  
16 and entered into force November 21, 1947,  
17 between the United Nations and the  
18 United States; or

19 (ii) other applicable international obli-  
20 gations of the United States.

21 (B) NATIONAL SECURITY.—The President  
22 may waive the application of this section to an  
23 alien if the President—

1 (i) determines that such a waiver is in  
2 the national interest of the United States;  
3 and

4 (ii) submits a notice of, and justifica-  
5 tion for, such waiver to the appropriate  
6 congressional committees.

7 (4) SUNSET.—This subsection shall terminate  
8 on the date that is 1 year after the date of the en-  
9 actment of this Act.

10 **SEC. 612. RESTRICTION ON EXPORT OF COVERED ARTI-**  
11 **CLES AND SERVICES TO CERTAIN SECURITY**  
12 **FORCES OF VENEZUELA.**

13 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the  
14 “Venezuela Arms Restriction Act”.

15 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
17 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
18 mittees” means—

19 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of  
20 the Senate;

21 (B) the Committee on Banking, Housing,  
22 and Urban Affairs of the Senate;

23 (C) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
24 the House of Representatives; and

1 (D) the Committee on Financial Services  
2 of the House of Representatives.

3 (2) COVERED ARTICLE OR SERVICE.—The term  
4 “covered article or service”—

5 (A) for purposes of subsection (c),  
6 means—

7 (i) a defense article or defense service  
8 (as such terms are defined in section 47 of  
9 the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C.  
10 2794)); and

11 (ii) any article included on the Com-  
12 merce Control List set forth in Supplement  
13 No. 1 to part 774 of the Export Adminis-  
14 tration Regulations under subchapter C of  
15 chapter VII of title 15, Code of Federal  
16 Regulations, and controlled for crime con-  
17 trol purposes, if the end user is likely to  
18 use the article to violate the human rights  
19 of the citizens of Venezuela; and

20 (B) for purposes of subsection (d),  
21 means—

22 (i) any defense article or defense serv-  
23 ice of the type described in section 47 of  
24 the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C.  
25 2794); and

1                   (ii) any article of the type included on  
2                   the Commerce Control List set forth in  
3                   Supplement No. 1 to part 774 of the Ex-  
4                   port Administration Regulations and con-  
5                   trolled for crime control purposes.

6           (3) FOREIGN PERSON.—The term “foreign per-  
7           son” means a person that is not a United States  
8           person.

9           (4) PERSON.—The term “person” means an in-  
10          dividual or entity.

11          (5) SECURITY FORCES OF VENEZUELA.—The  
12          term “security forces of Venezuela” includes—

13               (A) the Bolivarian National Armed Forces,  
14               including the Bolivarian National Guard;

15               (B) the Bolivarian National Intelligence  
16               Service;

17               (C) the Bolivarian National Police; and

18               (D) the Bureau for Scientific, Criminal  
19               and Forensic Investigations of the Ministry of  
20               Interior, Justice, and Peace.

21          (6) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term  
22          “United States person” means—

23               (A) a United States citizen or an alien law-  
24               fully admitted for permanent residence to the  
25               United States; or



1           (B) an entity organized under the laws of  
2           the United States or of any jurisdiction within  
3           the United States, including a foreign branch of  
4           such an entity.

5           (c) RESTRICTION ON EXPORT OF COVERED ARTI-  
6           CLES AND SERVICES TO CERTAIN SECURITY FORCES OF  
7           VENEZUELA.—

8           (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other  
9           provision of law, covered articles or services may not  
10          be exported from the United States to any element  
11          of the security forces of the Maduro regime.

12          (2) DETERMINATION.—Not later than 180 days  
13          after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
14          retary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of  
15          Commerce and the heads of other departments and  
16          agencies, as appropriate, shall—

17                (A) determine, using such information that  
18                is available to the Secretary of State, whether  
19                any covered article or service has been trans-  
20                ferred since July 2017 to the security forces of  
21                Venezuela without a license or other authoriza-  
22                tion as required by law; and

23                (B) submit such determination in writing  
24                to the appropriate congressional committees.

25           (d) BRIEFING.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
3 retary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of  
4 Commerce, as appropriate, shall brief the appro-  
5 priate congressional committees regarding the trans-  
6 fer by foreign persons of covered articles or services  
7 to elements of the security forces of Venezuela that  
8 are under the authority of the Maduro regime.

9           (2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The briefing  
10 required under paragraph (1) shall include—

11           (A) a list of all significant transfers by for-  
12 eign persons of covered articles or services to  
13 such elements of the security forces of Ven-  
14 ezuela since July 2017;

15           (B) a list of all foreign persons who main-  
16 tain an existing defense relationship with such  
17 elements of the security forces of Venezuela;  
18 and

19           (C) any known use of covered articles or  
20 services by such elements of the security forces  
21 of Venezuela or associated forces, including  
22 paramilitary groups, that have coordinated with  
23 such security forces to assault, intimidate, or  
24 murder political activists, protesters, dissidents,

1           and other civil society leaders, including Juan  
2           Guaidó.

3           (e) SUNSET.—This section shall terminate on the  
4 earlier of—

5           (1) the date that is 3 years after the date of the  
6 enactment of this Act; or

7           (2) the date on which the President certifies to  
8 the appropriate congressional committees that the  
9 Government of Venezuela has returned to a demo-  
10 cratic form of government with respect for the es-  
11 sential elements of representative democracy as set  
12 forth in Article 3 of the Inter-American Democratic  
13 Charter, adopted by the Organization of American  
14 States in Lima on September 11, 2001.

15 **TITLE VII—CRYPTOCURRENCY**  
16 **SANCTIONS AND ENSURING**  
17 **THE EFFECTIVENESS OF**  
18 **UNITED STATES SANCTIONS**

19 **SEC. 701. SANCTIONS ON VENEZUELA'S CRYPTOCURRENCY**  
20 **AND THE PROVISION OF RELATED TECH-**  
21 **NOLOGIES.**

22           (a) FINDING.—Executive Order 13827 (83 Fed. Reg.  
23 12469), which was signed on March 19, 2018, provided  
24 for sanctions intended to limit the effectiveness of the

1 issuance by the Maduro regime of a digital currency in  
2 an effort to circumvent United States sanctions.

3 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) ENTITY.—The term “entity” means a part-  
5 nership, association, trust, joint venture, corpora-  
6 tion, group, subgroup, or organization.

7 (2) PERSON.—The term “person” means an in-  
8 dividual or entity.

9 (3) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term  
10 “United States person” means any—

11 (A) United States citizen;

12 (B) alien lawfully admitted for permanent  
13 residence to the United States;

14 (C) entity organized under the laws of the  
15 United States or any jurisdiction within the  
16 United States (including a foreign branch of  
17 any such entity); and

18 (D) any person physically located in the  
19 United States.

20 (c) PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—All transactions by a United  
22 States person or within the United States that relate  
23 to, provide financing for, or otherwise deal in any  
24 digital currency, digital coin, or digital token, that  
25 was issued by, for, or on behalf of the Maduro re-

1       gime are prohibited beginning on the date of the en-  
2       actment of this Act.

3           (2) APPLICABILITY.—The prohibitions under  
4       paragraph (1) shall apply to the extent provided by  
5       statutes, or in regulations, orders, directives, or li-  
6       censes that may be issued pursuant to this Act, and  
7       notwithstanding any contract entered into or any li-  
8       cense or permit granted before the date of the enact-  
9       ment of this Act.

10          (3) PROHIBITIONS.—Any transaction that  
11       evades or avoids, has the purpose of evading or  
12       avoiding, causes a violation of, or attempts to violate  
13       any of the prohibitions set forth in this subsection  
14       is prohibited. Any conspiracy formed to violate any  
15       of the prohibitions set forth in this subsection is pro-  
16       hibited.

17          (d) RULEMAKING.—

18           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treas-  
19       ury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, is  
20       authorized to take such actions, including promul-  
21       gating rules and regulations, to implement this sec-  
22       tion.

23           (2) DELEGATION.—The Secretary of the Treas-  
24       ury may redelegate any of the functions described in  
25       paragraph (1) to other officers and executive depart-

1       ments and agencies of the United States Govern-  
2       ment. All agencies of the United States Government  
3       shall take all appropriate measures within their au-  
4       thority to carry out the provisions of this section.

5       (e) WAIVER.—The President may waive the prohibi-  
6       tion under subsection (c)(1) if the President—

7               (1) determines that such waiver is in the na-  
8       tional interest of the United States; and

9               (2) not later than 30 days after making a de-  
10       termination under paragraph (1), submits a written  
11       explanation for why such a waiver is in the United  
12       States national interest to—

13               (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of  
14       the Senate;

15               (B) the Committee on Banking, Housing,  
16       and Urban Affairs of the Senate;

17               (C) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
18       the House of Representatives; and

19               (D) the Committee on Financial Services  
20       of the House of Representatives.

21 **SEC. 702. BRIEFING ON THE IMPACT OF**  
22 **CRYPTOCURRENCIES ON UNITED STATES**  
23 **SANCTIONS.**

24       (a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “appro-  
25       priate congressional committees” means—

1           (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the  
2       Senate;

3           (2) the Committee on Banking, Housing, and  
4       Urban Affairs of the Senate;

5           (3) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the  
6       House of Representatives; and

7           (4) the Committee on Financial Services of the  
8       House of Representatives.

9       (b) **METHODOLOGY.**—Not later than 180 days after  
10 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
11 State and the Secretary of the Treasury, after consulta-  
12 tion with the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange  
13 Commission and the Chairman of the Commodity Futures  
14 Trading Commission, shall develop a methodology to as-  
15 sess how any digital currency, digital coin, or digital token,  
16 that was issued by, for, or on behalf of the Maduro regime  
17 is being utilized to circumvent or undermine United States  
18 sanctions.

19       (c) **BRIEFING.**—Not later than 180 days after the  
20 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State  
21 and the Secretary of the Treasury shall brief the appro-  
22 priate congressional committees on the methodology devel-  
23 oped under subsection (b).

1       **TITLE VIII—MISCELLANEOUS**  
2                                   **PROVISIONS**

3       **SEC. 801. CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFINGS.**

4           (a) HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE; SANCTIONS CO-  
5       ORDINATION.—

6           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 15 days after  
7       any of the congressional committees listed in para-  
8       graph (2) requests a briefing regarding the imple-  
9       mentation—

10           (A) of section 201, the Secretary of State  
11       and the Administrator of the United States  
12       Agency for International Development shall  
13       provide such briefing to such committee; and

14           (B) of section 601, the Secretary of State  
15       shall provide such briefing to such committee.

16           (2) CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The com-  
17       mittees listed in this paragraph are—

18           (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of  
19       the Senate;

20           (B) the Committee on Appropriations of  
21       the Senate;

22           (C) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
23       the House of Representatives; and

24           (D) the Committee on Appropriations of  
25       the House of Representatives.



1 (b) UNITED NATIONS; NEGOTIATED SOLUTION;  
2 CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 15 days after  
4 any congressional committee listed in paragraph (2)  
5 requests a briefing regarding the implementation of  
6 section 103, 202, or 403, the Secretary of State  
7 shall provide such briefing to such committee.

8 (2) CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The con-  
9 gressional committees listed in this paragraph are—

10 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of  
11 the Senate; and

12 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
13 the House of Representatives.

14 (c) REGIME COHESION.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 15 days after  
16 a congressional committee listed in paragraph (2)  
17 requests a briefing regarding the implementation of  
18 section 301, the Secretary of State and the Director  
19 of National Intelligence shall provide such briefing  
20 to such committee.

21 (2) CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The con-  
22 gressional committees listed in this paragraph are—

23 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of  
24 the Senate;

1 (B) the Select Committee on Intelligence  
2 of the Senate;

3 (C) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
4 the House of Representatives; and

5 (D) the Permanent Select Committee on  
6 Intelligence of the House of Representatives.

7 (d) INTERNATIONAL ELECTION OBSERVATION;  
8 DEMOCRATIC CIVIL SOCIETY.—Not later than 15 days  
9 after a congressional committee listed in subsection (a)(2)  
10 requests a briefing regarding the implementation of sec-  
11 tion 405, the Secretary of State and the Administrator  
12 of the United States Agency for International Develop-  
13 ment shall provide such briefing to such committee.

14 (e) VISA RESTRICTIONS; SANCTIONS WAIVER.—Not  
15 later than 15 days after a congressional committee listed  
16 in subsection (b)(2) requests a briefing regarding the im-  
17 plementation of section 302 or 303, the Secretary of State  
18 shall provide such briefing to such committee.

19 (f) RECONSTRUCTION OF VENEZUELA'S ENERGY IN-  
20 FRASTRUCTURE.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 15 days after  
22 a congressional committee listed in paragraph (2)  
23 requests a briefing regarding the implementation of  
24 section 501, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of

1 Energy, and the Secretary of the Treasury shall pro-  
2 vide such briefing to such committee.

3 (2) CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The con-  
4 gressional committees listed in this paragraph are—

5 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of  
6 the Senate;

7 (B) the Committee on Energy and Natural  
8 Resources of the Senate;

9 (C) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
10 the House of Representatives; and

11 (D) the Committee on Energy and Com-  
12 merce of the House of Representatives.

13 (g) RECOVERY OF STOLEN ASSETS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 15 days after  
15 a congressional committee listed in paragraph (2)  
16 requests a briefing regarding the implementation of  
17 section 502, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of  
18 the Treasury, and the Attorney General shall pro-  
19 vide such briefing to such committee.

20 (2) CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The con-  
21 gressional committees listed in this paragraph are—

22 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of  
23 the Senate;

24 (B) the Committee on Banking, Housing,  
25 and Urban Affairs of the Senate;

1           (C) the Committee on the Judiciary of the  
2           Senate;

3           (D) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
4           the House of Representatives;

5           (E) the Committee on Financial Services  
6           of the House of Representatives; and

7           (F) the Committee on the Judiciary of the  
8           House of Representatives.

9           (h) FINANCIAL SANCTIONS.—

10           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 15 days after  
11           a congressional committee listed in paragraph (2)  
12           requests a briefing regarding the implementation of  
13           section 605, 606, or 608, the Secretary of the Treas-  
14           ury shall provide such briefing to such committee.

15           (2) CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The con-  
16           gressional committees listed in this paragraph are—

17           (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of  
18           the Senate;

19           (B) the Committee on Banking, Housing,  
20           and Urban Affairs of the Senate;

21           (C) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
22           the House of Representatives; and

23           (D) the Committee on Financial Services  
24           of the House of Representatives.

1 (i) KINGPIN SANCTIONS.—Not later than 15 days  
2 after a congressional committee listed in subsection (h)(2)  
3 requests a briefing regarding the implementation of sec-  
4 tion 607, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney Gen-  
5 eral, the Secretary of State, and the Director of the Cen-  
6 tral Intelligence Agency shall provide such briefing to such  
7 committee.

8 (j) PDVSA TRANSACTIONS WITH ROSNEFT.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 15 days after  
10 a congressional committee listed in paragraph (2)  
11 requests a briefing regarding the implementation of  
12 section 609, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of  
13 the Treasury, and the Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
14 rity shall provide such briefing to such committee.

15 (2) CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The con-  
16 gressional committees listed in this paragraph are—

17 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of  
18 the Senate;

19 (B) the Committee on Homeland Security  
20 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

21 (C) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
22 the House of Representatives; and

23 (D) the Committee on Homeland Security  
24 of the House of Representatives.

1 (k) CRYPTOCURRENCY SANCTIONS.—Not later than  
2 15 days after a congressional committee listed in sub-  
3 section (h)(2) requests a briefing regarding the implemen-  
4 tation of section 701 or 702, the Secretary of State and  
5 the Secretary of the Treasury shall provide such briefing  
6 to such committee.

7 **SEC. 802. SANCTIONS IMPLEMENTATION AND PENALTIES.**

8 (a) IMPLEMENTATION.—

9 (1) PRESIDENT.—The President may exercise  
10 all of the authorities described in sections 203 and  
11 205 of the International Emergency Economic Pow-  
12 ers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704) to carry out sec-  
13 tions 603, 605, 606, 607, 608, and 701 of this Act.

14 (2) SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.—The Sec-  
15 retary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Sec-  
16 retary of State, may promulgate such regulations as  
17 may be necessary to implement the provisions set  
18 forth in sections 603, 605, 606, 607, 608, and 701  
19 of this Act.

20 (b) PENALTIES.—Any person that violates, attempts  
21 to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a violation of any  
22 of the sanctions described in sections 603, 605, 606, 607,  
23 608 and 701, or of any regulation, license, or order issued  
24 to carry out those sections, shall be subject to the penalties  
25 set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the

1 International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50  
2 U.S.C. 1705) to the same extent as a person that commits  
3 an unlawful act described in subsection (a) of that section.

4 **SEC. 803. PROHIBITION ON CONSTRUCTION OF PROVISIONS**  
5 **OF THIS ACT AS AN AUTHORIZATION FOR**  
6 **THE USE OF MILITARY FORCE.**

7 Nothing in this Act may be construed as an author-  
8 ization for the use of military force.

9 **SEC. 804. EXTENSION AND TERMINATION OF SANCTIONS**  
10 **AGAINST VENEZUELA.**

11 (a) AMENDMENT.—Section 5(e) of the Venezuela De-  
12 fense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act of 2014  
13 (Public Law 113–278; 50 U.S.C. 1701 note) is amended  
14 by striking “December 31, 2019” and inserting “Decem-  
15 ber 31, 2025”.

16 (b) TERMINATION.—The requirement to impose sanc-  
17 tions under this Act shall terminate on December 31,  
18 2025.