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## AN ACT

To reauthorize the Belarus Democracy Act of 2004.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Belarus Democracy,  
3 Human Rights, and Sovereignty Act of 2020”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Section 2 of the Belarus Democracy Act of 2004  
6 (Public Law 109–480; 22 U.S.C. 5811 note) is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 **“SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

9 “Congress finds the following:

10 “(1) The Government of Belarus, led by  
11 Alyaksandr Lukashenka, continues to engage in a  
12 pattern of clear and persistent violations of human  
13 rights and fundamental freedoms.

14 “(2) The Government of Belarus, led by  
15 Alyaksandr Lukashenka, continues to engage in a  
16 pattern of clear and uncorrected violations of basic  
17 principles of democratic governance, including  
18 through a series of fundamentally flawed presi-  
19 dential and parliamentary elections undermining the  
20 legitimacy of executive and legislative authority in  
21 that country.

22 “(3) The Government of Belarus, led by  
23 Alyaksandr Lukashenka, continues to subject thou-  
24 sands of pro-democracy political activists and peace-  
25 ful protesters to harassment, beatings, and imprison-  
26 ment, particularly as a result of their attempts to

1 peacefully exercise their right to freedom of assem-  
2 bly and association.

3 “(4) The Government of Belarus, led by  
4 Alyaksandr Lukashenka, continues to suppress inde-  
5 pendent media and journalists and to restrict access  
6 to the internet, including social media and other dig-  
7 ital communication platforms, in violation of the  
8 right to freedom of speech and expression of those  
9 dissenting from the dictatorship of Alyaksandr  
10 Lukashenka.

11 “(5) The Government of Belarus, led by  
12 Alyaksandr Lukashenka, continues a systematic  
13 campaign of harassment, repression, and closure of  
14 nongovernmental organizations, including inde-  
15 pendent trade unions and entrepreneurs, creating a  
16 climate of fear that inhibits the development of civil  
17 society and social solidarity.

18 “(6) The Government of Belarus, led by  
19 Alyaksandr Lukashenka, has pursued a policy un-  
20 dermining the country’s sovereignty and independ-  
21 ence by making Belarus political, economic, cultural,  
22 and societal interests subservient to those of Russia.

23 “(7) The Government of Belarus, led by  
24 Alyaksandr Lukashenka, continues to reduce the  
25 independence of Belarus through integration into a

1 so-called ‘Union State’ that is under the control of  
2 Russia.

3 “(8) On August 9, 2020, the Government of  
4 Belarus conducted a presidential election that was  
5 fraudulent and did not meet international standards.  
6 There were serious irregularities with ballot counting  
7 and the reporting of election results. The Govern-  
8 ment of Belarus also put in place restrictive meas-  
9 ures that impeded the work of local independent ob-  
10 servers and did not provide sufficient notice to the  
11 OSCE to allow for the OSCE to monitor the elec-  
12 tions, as is customary.

13 “(9) After the August 9, 2020, presidential  
14 election, the Government of Belarus responded to  
15 the peaceful opposition protests, which are the larg-  
16 est in Belarus history, with a violent crackdown, in-  
17 cluding, according to the United Nations Special  
18 Rapporteur, the detention of more than 10,000  
19 peaceful protestors as of September 18, 2020.

20 “(10) Thousands of employees at Belarusian  
21 state-owned enterprises, who have been seen as  
22 Alyaksandr Lukashenka’s traditional base during his  
23 26-year rule, went on strike across the country to  
24 protest Lukashenka’s illegitimate election and the  
25 subsequent crackdowns, including at some of

1 Belarus’s largest factories such as the BelAZ truck  
2 plant, the Minsk Tractor Works, and the Minsk  
3 Automobile Plant.

4 “(11) Women have served as the leading force  
5 in demonstrations across the country, protesting the  
6 police brutality and mass detentions by wearing  
7 white, carrying flowers, forming ‘solidarity chains’,  
8 and unmasking undercover police trying to arrest  
9 demonstrators.

10 “(12) After the August 9, 2020, presidential  
11 election, the Government of Belarus has sought to  
12 stop the work of the Coordination Council, which  
13 was formed by the leading opposition presidential  
14 candidate, Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, to facilitate a  
15 peaceful transition of power by subjecting the Coun-  
16 cil’s senior members to violence, detention, and  
17 forced exile.

18 “(13) After the August 9, 2020, presidential  
19 election, the Government of Belarus restricted the  
20 free flow of information to silence the opposition and  
21 to conceal the regime’s violent crackdown on peace-  
22 ful protestors, including by stripping the accredita-  
23 tion of journalists from major foreign news outlets,  
24 disrupting internet access, limiting access to social

1 media and other digital communication platforms,  
2 and detaining and harassing countless journalists.

3 “(14) Before the European Parliament on Au-  
4 gust 25, 2020, Tsikhanouskaya stressed that a  
5 ‘peaceful revolution’ was underway in Belarus, and  
6 that ‘It is neither a pro-Russian nor anti-Russian  
7 revolution. It is neither an anti-European Union nor  
8 a pro-European Union revolution. It is a democratic  
9 revolution.’.

10 “(15) Against the will of the majority of the  
11 Belarusian people, Russian President Vladimir Putin  
12 has propped up the Alyaksandr Lukashenka regime,  
13 including by offering security assistance, providing  
14 significant financial support, and sending Russian  
15 propagandists to help disseminate pro-regime propa-  
16 ganda on Belarus state television.

17 “(16) After the August 9, 2020, presidential  
18 election, the United States, the European Union, the  
19 United Kingdom, and Canada condemned the violent  
20 crackdown on peaceful protestors, refused to accept  
21 the results of the fraudulent election and called for  
22 new free and fair elections under independent obser-  
23 vation.

24 “(17) On September 8, 2020, Secretary of  
25 State Michael R. Pompeo said, ‘The United States,

1 in coordination with our partners and Allies, is con-  
2 sidering additional targeted sanctions to promote ac-  
3 countability for those involved in human rights  
4 abuses and repression in Belarus.’.

5 “(18) Following Alyaksandr Lukashenka’s Sep-  
6 tember 23, 2020, secret inauguration, the United  
7 States, the European Union, numerous European  
8 Union member states, the United Kingdom, and  
9 Canada announced they did not recognize him as the  
10 legitimately elected leader of Belarus.”.

11 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

12 Section 3 of the Belarus Democracy Act of 2004  
13 (Public Law 109–480; 22 U.S.C. 5811 note) is amended  
14 to read as follows:

15 **“SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

16 “It is the policy of the United States to—

17 “(1) condemn the conduct of the August 9,  
18 2020, presidential election and crackdown on opposi-  
19 tion candidates, senior members of the Coordination  
20 Council, peaceful protestors, employees from state-  
21 owned enterprises participating in strikes, inde-  
22 pendent election observers, and independent journal-  
23 ists and bloggers;

24 “(2) continue to call for the immediate release  
25 without preconditions of all political prisoners in

1 Belarus, including all those individuals detained in  
2 connection with the August 9, 2020, presidential  
3 election, a leading opposition figure Maryia  
4 Kalesnikava, and United States citizen Vitali  
5 Shkliarov;

6 “(3) continue to support the aspirations of the  
7 people of Belarus for democracy, human rights, and  
8 the rule of law;

9 “(4) continue to support the aspirations of the  
10 people of Belarus to exercise their religion freely, in-  
11 cluding the head of the Catholic Church in Belarus  
12 Archbishop Tadeusz Kondrusiewicz who was barred  
13 from entering the country after criticizing  
14 Belarusian authorities;

15 “(5) continue to support actively the aspirations  
16 of the people of the Republic of Belarus to preserve  
17 the independence and sovereignty of their country;

18 “(6) not to recognize any incorporation of  
19 Belarus into a ‘Union State’ with Russia, as this so-  
20 called ‘Union State’ would be both an attempt to ab-  
21 sorb Belarus and a step to reconstituting the totali-  
22 tarian Soviet Union;

23 “(7) continue to reject the results of the fraud-  
24 ulent August 9, 2020, presidential election in  
25 Belarus, and to support calls for new presidential



1 and parliamentary elections, conducted in a manner  
2 that is free and fair according to OSCE standards  
3 and under the supervision of OSCE observers and  
4 independent domestic observers;

5 “(8) refuse to recognize Alyaksandr  
6 Lukashenka as the legitimately elected leader of  
7 Belarus;

8 “(9) continue to call for the fulfillment by the  
9 Government of Belarus of Belarus’s freely under-  
10 taken obligations as an OSCE participating state  
11 and as a signatory of the Charter of the United Na-  
12 tions;

13 “(10) support an OSCE role in mediating a  
14 dialogue within Belarus between the government and  
15 genuine representatives of Belarusian society;

16 “(11) recognize the Coordination Council as a  
17 legitimate institution to participate in a dialogue on  
18 a peaceful transition of power;

19 “(12) urge an expanded United States diplo-  
20 matic presence in Belarus to advocate for the aspira-  
21 tions of the people of Belarus for democracy, human  
22 rights, and the rule of law;

23 “(13) continue to work closely with the Euro-  
24 pean Union, the United Kingdom, Canada, and  
25 other countries and international organizations, to

1 promote the principles of democracy, the rule of law  
2 and human rights in Belarus; and

3 “(14) remain open to reevaluating United  
4 States policy toward Belarus as warranted by de-  
5 monstrable progress made by the Government of  
6 Belarus consistent with the aims of this Act as stat-  
7 ed in this section.”.

8 **SEC. 4. ASSISTANCE TO PROMOTE DEMOCRACY, CIVIL SO-**  
9 **CIETY, AND SOVEREIGNTY IN BELARUS.**

10 Section 4 of the Belarus Democracy Act of 2004  
11 (Public Law 109–480; 22 U.S.C. 5811 note) is amend-  
12 ed—

13 (1) in the section heading to read as follows:

14 **“ASSISTANCE TO PROMOTE DEMOCRACY, CIVIL**  
15 **SOCIETY, AND SOVEREIGNTY IN BELARUS.”;**

16 (2) in subsection (a)—

17 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “Euro-  
18 pean” and inserting “Trans-Atlantic”; and

19 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and  
20 (3) as paragraphs (3) and 4, respectively; and

21 (C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the  
22 following:

23 “(2) To assist the people of Belarus in building  
24 the sovereignty and independence of their country.”;

25 (3) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) by inserting “and Belarusian groups  
2 outside of Belarus” after “indigenous  
3 Belarusian groups”; and

4 (B) by inserting “and Belarusian sov-  
5 ereignty” before the period at the end;

6 (4) in subsection (c)—

7 (A) by striking paragraph (8);

8 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (3)  
9 through (7) as paragraphs (4) through (8), re-  
10 spectively;

11 (C) by inserting after paragraph (2) the  
12 following:

13 “(3) countering internet censorship and repres-  
14 sive surveillance technology that seek to limit free  
15 association, control access to information, and pre-  
16 vent citizens from exercising their rights to free  
17 speech;”;

18 (D) in paragraph (8) (as redesignated), by  
19 striking “and” at the end; and

20 (E) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(9) supporting the work of women advocating  
22 freedom, human rights, and human progress;

23 “(10) supporting the development of Belarusian  
24 language education;

1           “(11) enhancing the development of the private  
2           sector, particularly the information technology sec-  
3           tor, and its role in the economy of Belarus, including  
4           by increasing the capacity of private sector actors,  
5           developing business support organizations, offering  
6           entrepreneurship training, and expanding access to  
7           finance for small and medium enterprises;

8           “(12) supporting political refugees in neigh-  
9           boring European countries fleeing the crackdown in  
10          Belarus;

11          “(13) supporting the gathering of evidence on  
12          and investigating of the human rights abuses in  
13          Belarus;

14          “(14) supporting the public health response, in-  
15          cluding filling the information void, in Belarus dur-  
16          ing the COVID-19 pandemic; and

17          “(15) other activities consistent with the pur-  
18          poses of this Act.”;

19          (5) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-  
20          section (g);

21          (6) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-  
22          lowing:

23          “(d) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
24          gress that, in light of the political crisis in Belarus and  
25          the unprecedented mobilization of the Belarusian people,

1 United States foreign assistance to Belarusian civil society  
2 should be reevaluated and increased to carry out the pur-  
3 poses described in subsection (a) and to include the activi-  
4 ties described in subsection (c).

5 “(e) COORDINATION WITH EUROPEAN PARTNERS.—  
6 In order to maximize impact, eliminate duplication, and  
7 further the achievement of the purposes described in sub-  
8 section (a), the Secretary of State shall ensure coordina-  
9 tion with the European Union and its institutions, the gov-  
10 ernments of countries that are members of the European  
11 Union, the United Kingdom, and Canada.

12 “(f) REPORT ON ASSISTANCE.—Not later than one  
13 year after the date of the enactment of the Belarus De-  
14 mocracy, Human Rights, and Sovereignty Act of 2020, the  
15 Secretary of State, acting through the Office of the Coor-  
16 dinator of U.S. Assistance to Europe and Eurasia, and  
17 in coordination with the Administrator of the United  
18 States Agency for International Development, shall submit  
19 to the appropriate congressional committees a report on  
20 the programs and activities carried out to achieve the pur-  
21 poses described in subsection (a), including an assessment  
22 of whether or not progress was made in achieving those  
23 purposes.”; and

24 (7) in subsection (g) (as redesignated)—

1 (A) by striking “AUTHORIZATION OF AP-  
2 PROPRIATIONS” and all that follows through  
3 “There are” and inserting “AUTHORIZATION OF  
4 APPROPRIATIONS.—There are”;

5 (B) by striking “fiscal years 2007 and  
6 2008” and inserting “fiscal years 2021 and  
7 2022”; and

8 (C) by striking paragraph (2).

9 **SEC. 5. INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING, INTERNET FREE-**  
10 **DOM, AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION IN**  
11 **BELARUS.**

12 Section 5 of the Belarus Democracy Act of 2004  
13 (Public Law 109–480; 22 U.S.C. 5811 note) is amended  
14 to read as follows:

15 **“SEC. 5. INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING, INTERNET FREE-**  
16 **DOM, AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION IN**  
17 **BELARUS.**

18 “(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
19 gress that—

20 “(1) the President should support and reallo-  
21 cate resources to radio, television, and internet  
22 broadcasting in languages spoken in Belarus by  
23 Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty to the people of  
24 Belarus;

1           “(2) the United States should also support  
2 other independent media providing objective infor-  
3 mation to the Belarusian people, particularly in the  
4 Belarusian language;

5           “(3) the President should provide the United  
6 States Agency for Global Media with a surge capac-  
7 ity (as such term is defined in section 316 of the  
8 United States International Broadcasting Act (22  
9 U.S.C. 6216)) for programs and activities in  
10 Belarus;

11           “(4) the Chief Executive Officer of the United  
12 States Agency for Global Media, working through  
13 the Open Technology Fund and in coordination with  
14 the Secretary of State, should expand and prioritize  
15 efforts to provide anti-censorship technology and  
16 services to journalists and civil society in Belarus in  
17 order to enhance their ability to safely access or  
18 share digital news and information without fear of  
19 repercussions or surveillance; and

20           “(5) the United States should continue to con-  
21 demn the Belarusian authorities’ crackdown on inde-  
22 pendent media, including the harassment and mass  
23 detentions of independent and foreign journalists  
24 and the denial of accreditation.

1       “(b) STRATEGY TO PROMOTE EXPANDED BROAD-  
2 CASTING, INTERNET FREEDOM, AND ACCESS TO INFOR-  
3 MATION IN BELARUS.—

4           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days  
5 after the date of the enactment of the Belarus De-  
6 mocracy, Human Rights, and Sovereignty Act of  
7 2020, the Chief Executive Officer of the United  
8 States Agency for Global Media and the Secretary of  
9 State shall jointly submit to the appropriate congres-  
10 sional committees a comprehensive strategy, includ-  
11 ing a cost estimate, to carry out the following:

12           “(A) Expand independent radio, television,  
13 live stream, and social network broadcasting  
14 and communications in Belarus to provide news  
15 and information, particularly in the Belarusian  
16 language, that is credible, comprehensive, and  
17 accurate.

18           “(B) Support the development and use of  
19 anti-censorship and circumvention technologies  
20 by the Open Technology Fund and the Bureau  
21 of Democracy Human Rights and Labor that  
22 enable the citizens of Belarus to communicate  
23 securely and undertake internet activities with-  
24 out interference from the Government of  
25 Belarus.



1           “(C) Assist efforts to overcome attempts  
2 by the Government of Belarus to disrupt inter-  
3 net access and block content online.

4           “(D) Monitor the cooperation of the Gov-  
5 ernment of Belarus with any foreign govern-  
6 ment or organization for purposes related to the  
7 censorship or surveillance of the internet, in-  
8 cluding an assessment of any such cooperation  
9 in the preceding ten years.

10           “(E) Monitor the purchase or receipt by  
11 the Government of Belarus of any technology or  
12 training from any foreign government or orga-  
13 nization for purposes related to the censorship  
14 or surveillance of the internet, including an as-  
15 sessment of any such purchase or receipt in the  
16 preceding ten years.

17           “(F) Assist with the protection of journal-  
18 ists who have been targeted for free speech ac-  
19 tivities, including through the denial of accredi-  
20 tation.

21           “(G) Provide cyber-attack mitigation serv-  
22 ices to civil society organizations in Belarus.

23           “(H) Provide resources for educational ma-  
24 terials and training on digital literacy, bypass-  
25 ing internet censorship, digital safety, and in-

1 vestigative and analytical journalism for inde-  
2 pendent journalists working in Belarus.

3 “(I) Build the capacity of civil society,  
4 media, and other nongovernmental and organi-  
5 zations to identify, track, and counter  
6 disinformation, including from proxies of the  
7 Government of Russia working at Belarusian  
8 state television.

9 “(2) FORM.—The report required by paragraph  
10 (1) shall be transmitted in unclassified form but  
11 may contain a classified annex.”.

12 **SEC. 6. SANCTIONS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF**  
13 **BELARUS.**

14 Section 6 of the Belarus Democracy Act of 2004  
15 (Public Law 109–480; 22 U.S.C. 5811 note) is amend-  
16 ed—

17 (1) in subsection (b)—

18 (A) by striking “December 19, 2010” each  
19 place it appears and inserting “August 9,  
20 2020”;

21 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “,  
22 peaceful protesters,” after “all opposition activ-  
23 ists”; and

1 (C) by striking paragraphs (3) and (6) and  
2 redesignating paragraphs (4), (5), and (7) as  
3 paragraphs (3), (4), and (5), respectively;  
4 (2) in subsection (c)—

5 (A) in the subsection heading, by inserting  
6 “AND RUSSIAN INDIVIDUALS COMPLICIT IN  
7 THE CRACKDOWN THAT OCCURRED AFTER  
8 THE AUGUST 9, 2020, ELECTION” after  
9 “BELARUS”;

10 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (4) and  
11 (5) as paragraphs (5) and (6), respectively;

12 (C) by inserting after paragraph (3) the  
13 following:

14 “(4) is a member of the Central Election Com-  
15 mission of Belarus or assisted the Commission in  
16 manipulating the presidential election of August 9,  
17 2020;”;

18 (D) in paragraph (5) (as redesignated) to  
19 read as follows:

20 “(5) is a member of any branch of the security  
21 or law enforcement services of Belarus, including the  
22 KGB, Interior Ministry, and OMON special police  
23 unit, and is responsible for, or complicit in, ordering,  
24 controlling, materially assisting, sponsoring, or pro-  
25 viding financial, material, or technological support

1 for, or otherwise directing, the crackdown on opposi-  
2 tion leaders, journalists, and peaceful protestors that  
3 occurred in connection with the presidential election  
4 of August 9, 2020; or”; and

5 (E) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(7) is a government official, including at the  
7 Information Ministry, responsible for the crackdown  
8 on independent media, including revoking the ac-  
9 creditation of journalists, disrupting internet access,  
10 and restricting online content;

11 “(8) is an official in the so-called ‘Union State’  
12 between Russia and Belarus (regardless of nation-  
13 ality of the individual); or

14 “(9) is a Russian individual that has signifi-  
15 cantly participated in the crackdown on independent  
16 press or human rights abuses related to political re-  
17 pression in Belarus, including the Russian propa-  
18 gandists sent to replace local employees at  
19 Belarusian state media outlets.”;

20 (3) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “the Over-  
21 seas Private Investment Corporation” and inserting  
22 “the United States International Development Fi-  
23 nance Corporation”;

24 (4) in subsection (e), by striking “(including  
25 any technical assistance or grant) of any kind”; and

1 (5) in subsection (f)—

2 (A) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “or  
3 by any member or family member closely linked  
4 to any member of the senior leadership of the  
5 Government of Belarus” and inserting “or by  
6 the senior leadership of the Government of  
7 Belarus or by any member or family member  
8 closely linked to the senior leadership of the  
9 Government of Belarus, or an official of the so-  
10 called ‘Union State’ with Russia”; and

11 (B) in paragraph (2)—

12 (i) in subparagraph (A), by adding at  
13 the end before the semicolon the following:  
14 “, or an official of the so-called ‘Union  
15 State’ with Russia”; and

16 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by inserting  
17 “, or the so-called ‘Union State’ with Rus-  
18 sia,” after “the Government of Belarus”.

19 **SEC. 7. MULTILATERAL COOPERATION.**

20 Section 7 of the Belarus Democracy Act of 2004  
21 (Public Law 109–480; 22 U.S.C. 5811 note) is amended  
22 to read as follows:

23 **“SEC. 7. MULTILATERAL COOPERATION.**

24 “It is the sense of Congress that the President should  
25 continue to coordinate with the European Union and its

1 institutions, European Union member states, the United  
2 Kingdom, and Canada to develop a comprehensive, multi-  
3 lateral strategy to—

4 “(1) further the purposes of this Act, including,  
5 as appropriate, encouraging other countries to take  
6 measures with respect to the Republic of Belarus  
7 that are similar to measures described in this Act;  
8 and

9 “(2) deter the Government of Russia from un-  
10 dermining democratic processes and institutions in  
11 Belarus or threatening the independence, sov-  
12 ereignty, and territorial integrity of Belarus.”

13 **SEC. 8. REPORTS.**

14 Section 8 of the Belarus Democracy Act of 2004  
15 (Public Law 109–480; 22 U.S.C. 5811 note) is amended  
16 to read as follows:

17 **“SEC. 8. REPORTS.**

18 “(a) REPORT ON THREAT TO SOVEREIGNTY AND  
19 INDEPENDENCE OF BELARUS.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days  
21 after the date of the enactment of the Belarus De-  
22 mocracy, Human Rights, and Sovereignty Act of  
23 2020, the Secretary of State, in coordination with  
24 the Director of National Intelligence, shall transmit  
25 to the appropriate congressional committees a report

1 on the threat the Government of Russia poses to the  
2 sovereignty and independence of Belarus.

3 “(2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report  
4 required by paragraph (1) shall include the fol-  
5 lowing:

6 “(A) An assessment of how the Govern-  
7 ment of Russia is exploiting the current polit-  
8 ical crisis in Belarus to push for deeper political  
9 and economic control of or integration with  
10 Belarus.

11 “(B) A description of the economic and en-  
12 ergy assets in Belarus that the Government of  
13 Russia, including Russian state-owned or state-  
14 controlled companies, controls.

15 “(C) A description of Belarus major enter-  
16 prises that are vulnerable of being taken over  
17 by Russian entities amid the country’s wors-  
18 ening financial crisis.

19 “(D) A description of how and to what  
20 ends the Government of Russia seeks to aug-  
21 ment its military presence in Belarus.

22 “(E) A description of Russian influence  
23 over the media and information space in  
24 Belarus and how the Government of Russia  
25 uses disinformation and other malign tech-

1           niques to undermine Belarusian history, cul-  
2           ture, and language.

3           “(F) A description of other actors in  
4           Belarus that the Government of Russia uses to  
5           advance its malign influence, including vet-  
6           erans’ organizations and extrajudicial networks.

7           “(G) A description of efforts to undermine  
8           Belarusian language, cultural, and national  
9           symbols, including the traditional red and white  
10          flag and the ‘Pahonia’ mounted knight.

11          “(H) An identification of Russian individ-  
12          uals and government agencies that are signifi-  
13          cantly supporting or involved in the crackdown  
14          on peaceful protestors and the opposition or the  
15          repression of independent media following the  
16          August 9, 2020, presidential election.

17          “(3) FORM.—The report required by this sub-  
18          section shall be transmitted in unclassified form but  
19          may contain a classified annex.

20          “(b) REPORT ON PERSONAL ASSETS OF  
21          ALYAKSANDR LUKASHENKA.—

22          “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days  
23          after the date of the enactment of the Belarus De-  
24          mocracy, Human Rights, and Sovereignty Act of  
25          2020, the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation



1 with the Secretary of State and the Director of Na-  
2 tional Intelligence, shall submit to the appropriate  
3 congressional committees a report on—

4 “(A) the total assets under the direct or  
5 indirect control of Alyaksandr Lukashenka, in-  
6 cluding estimated assets and known sources of  
7 income of Alyaksandr Lukashenka and his im-  
8 mediate family members, including assets, in-  
9 vestments, bank accounts, and other business  
10 interests; and

11 “(B) an identification of the most signifi-  
12 cant senior foreign political figures in Belarus,  
13 as determined by their closeness to Alyaksandr  
14 Lukashenka.

15 “(2) FORM.—The report required by this sub-  
16 section shall be transmitted in unclassified form but  
17 may contain a classified annex.”.

18 **SEC. 9. DEFINITIONS.**

19 Section 9 of the Belarus Democracy Act of 2004  
20 (Public Law 109–480; 22 U.S.C. 5811 note) is amend-  
21 ed—

22 (1) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the  
23 following:

1           “(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
2           TEES.—The term ‘appropriate congressional com-  
3           mittees’ means—

4                   “(A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs,  
5                   the Committee on Financial Services, and the  
6                   Committee on Appropriations of the House of  
7                   Representatives; and

8                   “(B) the Committee on Foreign Relations,  
9                   the Committee on Banking, Housing, and  
10                  Urban Affairs, and the Committee on Appro-  
11                  priations of the Senate.”; and

12                  (2) in paragraph (3)(B)—

13                   (A) in clause (i), by inserting “members of  
14                   the security and intelligence services,” after  
15                   “prosecutors,”; and

16                   (B) in clause (ii), by inserting “, electoral  
17                   fraud, online censorship, or restrictions on inde-  
18                   pendent media and journalists” after “public  
19                   corruption”.

20 **SEC. 10. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

21           The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of  
22           complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,  
23           shall be determined by reference to the latest statement  
24           titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this  
25           Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record

