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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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Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. YOUNG, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. COONS, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. HAWLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. GARDNER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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Reported by Mr. RISCH, with an amendment

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A BILL

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.

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

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.
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ASSEMBLY

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- Sec. 404. Upholding the Organization of American States Inter-American Democratic Charter.
- Sec. 405. Support for international election observation and democratic civil society.

TITLE V—SUPPORTING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF VENEZUELA

- Sec. 501. Engaging international financial institutions to advance the reconstruction of Venezuela's economy and energy infrastructure.
- Sec. 502. Recovering assets stolen from the Venezuelan people.

TITLE VI—RESTORING THE RULE OF LAW IN VENEZUELA

- Sec. 601. Developing and implementing a coordinated sanctions strategy with partners in the Western Hemisphere and the European Union.
- Sec. 602. Classified briefing on the involvement of Venezuelan officials in corruption and illicit narcotics trafficking.
- Sec. 603. Sanctions on persons responsible for public corruption and undermining democratic governance.
- Sec. 604. Public information about sanctioned officials.
- Sec. 605. Financial sanctions on Maduro regime debt.
- Sec. 606. Additional financial sanctions on Maduro regime debt.
- Sec. 607. Expanding kingpin sanctions on narcotics trafficking and money laundering.
- Sec. 608. Sanctions on the Maduro regime's trade in gold.
- Sec. 609. Concerns over PDVSA transactions with Rosneft.
- Sec. 610. Classified briefing on activities of certain foreign governments and actors in 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. Report on the impact of cryptocurrencies on United States sanctions.

TITLE VIII—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- Sec. 801. Congressional briefings.
- Sec. 802. Extension and termination of sanctions against Venezuela.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINED TERM.**

2 In this Act, the term “Maduro regime” means any

3 ministry, agency, political subdivision, or instrumentality

4 of the Government of Venezuela, including the Central

5 Bank of Venezuela and Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A., any

6 branch of the Venezuelan armed forces, and any person

7 owned or controlled by, or acting for or on behalf of, the

8 Government of Venezuela that remain under the control

1 of Nicolás Maduro or the subsequent control of a person
 2 that comes to power through any means other than—

3 ~~(1) a free, fair, and transparent democratic~~
 4 ~~election that is monitored by credible international~~
 5 ~~observers; or~~

6 ~~(2) the appointment by Venezuela’s democrati-~~
 7 ~~cally elected National Assembly of an Interim Presi-~~
 8 ~~dent with a mandate to convene elections described~~
 9 ~~in paragraph (1); and~~

10 ~~(3) a negotiation process described in section~~
 11 ~~103.~~

12 **TITLE I—SUPPORT FOR THE IN-**
 13 **TERIM PRESIDENT OF VEN-**
 14 **EZUELA AND RECOGNITION**
 15 **OF THE VENEZUELAN NA-**
 16 **TIONAL ASSEMBLY**

17 **SEC. 101. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS IN SUPPORT OF**
 18 **THE INTERIM PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA.**

19 ~~(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-~~
 20 ~~ings:~~

21 ~~(1) Venezuela’s electoral event on May 20,~~
 22 ~~2018, was characterized by widespread fraud and~~
 23 ~~did not comply with international standards for a~~
 24 ~~free, fair, and transparent electoral process.~~

1 (2) Given the fraudulent nature of Venezuela's
2 May 20, 2018, electoral event, Nicolás Maduro's ten-
3 ure as President of Venezuela ended on January 10,
4 2019.

5 (3) The National Assembly of Venezuela ap-
6 proved a resolution on January 15, 2019, that ter-
7 minated Nicolás Maduro's authority as the President
8 of Venezuela.

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

12 (5) The United States Government, the Govern-
13 ments of Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Australia,
14 Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Can-
15 ada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus,
16 Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ec-
17 uador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany,
18 Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, Ireland,
19 Israel, Japan, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxem-
20 bourg, North Macedonia, Malta, Montenegro, Mo-
21 rocco, Netherlands, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Po-
22 land, Portugal, Romania, South Korea, Spain, Swe-
23 den, Switzerland, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom,
24 the Secretary General of the Organization of Amer-
25 ican States, and the European Parliament have all

1 recognized National Assembly President Juan
 2 Guaidó as the Interim President of Venezuela.

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

5 (1) to support the decisions by the United
 6 States Government, more than 50 governments
 7 around the world, the Secretary General of the Or-
 8 ganization of American States, and the European
 9 Parliament to recognize National Assembly Presi-
 10 dent Juan Guaidó as the Interim President of Ven-
 11 ezuela;

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

15 (3) that the Organization of American States,
 16 with support from the United States Government
 17 and partner governments, should provide diplomatic,
 18 technical, and financial support for a new presi-
 19 dential election in Venezuela that complies with
 20 international standards for a free, fair, and trans-
 21 parent electoral processes.

22 **SEC. 102. RECOGNITION OF VENEZUELA'S DEMOCRAT-**
 23 **ICALLY ELECTED NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.**

24 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that Venezuela's uni-
 25 cameral National Assembly convened on January 6, 2016;

1 following democratic elections that were held on December
2 6, 2015.

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

5 (1) Venezuela’s democratically elected National
6 Assembly is the only national level democratic insti-
7 tution remaining in the country; and

8 (2) actions taken by the Maduro regime that re-
9 quire legislative approval, ratification, or concur-
10 rence, including the provision or refinancing of
11 debts, should only be recognized as legitimate by the
12 United States and the international community if
13 such legislative actions are authorized by the demo-
14 cratically elected National Assembly of the
15 Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

16 (c) POLICY.—It is the policy of the United States to
17 recognize the democratically elected National Assembly of
18 Venezuela as the only legitimate national legislative body
19 in Venezuela.

20 (d) ASSISTANCE TO VENEZUELA’S NATIONAL ASSEM-
21 BLY.—The Secretary of State, in coordination with the
22 Administrator of the United States Agency for Inter-
23 national Development, shall prioritize efforts to provide
24 technical assistance to support the democratically elected

1 National Assembly of Venezuela in accordance with sec-
 2 tion 406.

3 **SEC. 103. ADVANCING A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION TO VEN-**
 4 **EZUELA'S CRISIS.**

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

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

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

13 (B) include the input and interests of Ven-
 14 ezuelan civil society; and

15 (C) represent the best opportunity to reach
 16 a solution to the Venezuelan crisis that in-
 17 eludes—

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

22 (ii) ending Nicolás Maduro's usurpa-
 23 tion of presidential authorities;

24 (iii) restoring democracy and the rule
 25 of law;

1 (iv) freeing political prisoners; and

2 (v) facilitating the delivery of humani-
3 tarian aid;

4 (2) dialogue between the Maduro regime and
5 political opposition that commenced in October
6 2017, and were supported by the Governments of
7 Mexico, of Chile, of Bolivia, and of Nicaragua, did
8 not result in an agreement because the Maduro re-
9 gime failed to credibly participate in the process;
10 and

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

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

**TITLE II—HUMANITARIAN
RELIEF FOR VENEZUELA**

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

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the United States Government should expand efforts to peacefully address Venezuela’s humanitarian crisis; and

(2) humanitarian assistance—

(A) should be provided directly to the people of Venezuela; and

(B) should not be passed through the control or distribution mechanisms of the Maduro regime.

(b) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in coordination with the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, shall work through international and nongovernmental organizations to provide humanitarian assistance to individuals and communities in Venezuela, including—

(1) public health commodities to Venezuelan health facilities and services, including medicines on the World Health Organization’s Model List of Es-

1 sential Medicines and basic medical supplies and
2 equipment;

3 ~~(2)~~ the basic food commodities and nutritional
4 supplements needed to address growing malnutrition
5 and improve food security for the people of Ven-
6 ezuela, with a specific emphasis on the most vulner-
7 able populations; and

8 ~~(3)~~ technical assistance to ensure that health
9 and food commodities are appropriately selected,
10 procured, and distributed.

11 ~~(c)~~ STRATEGY REQUIREMENT.—

12 ~~(1)~~ IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
13 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
14 retary of State, in coordination with the Adminis-
15 trator of the United States Agency for International
16 Development shall submit a strategy for carrying out
17 the activities described in subsection (b) to—

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.

(2) ~~ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS.~~—The strategy required under paragraph (1) shall be based on independent assessments of the humanitarian crisis in Venezuela, including assessments by nongovernmental organizations and the United Nations humanitarian agencies listed in section 204(a).

(d) ~~AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.~~—

(1) ~~IN GENERAL.~~—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of State \$200,000,000 for fiscal year 2019 to carry out the activities set forth in subsection (b) in accordance with this section.

(2) ~~NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.~~—

(A) ~~IN GENERAL.~~—Except as provided under subparagraph (B), amounts appropriated or otherwise made available pursuant to paragraph (1) may not be obligated until 15 days after the date on which the President provides notice to the committees listed in subsection (c)(1) of the intent to obligate such funds.

(B) ~~WAIVER.~~—

(i) ~~IN GENERAL.~~—The Secretary of State may waive the requirement under subparagraph (A) if the Secretary of State determines that such requirement would

pose a substantial risk to human health or welfare.

(ii) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—If a waiver is invoked under clause (i), the President shall notify the committees listed in subsection (c)(1) of the intention to obligate funds under this section as early as practicable, but not later than 3 days after taking the action to which such notification requirement was applicable in the context of the circumstances necessitating such waiver.

**SEC. 202. HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO VENEZUELAN
IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in coordination with the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, shall work through international and nongovernmental organizations to provide Venezuelans in neighboring countries with humanitarian aid, such as—

(1) urgently needed health and nutritional assistance, including logistical and technical assistance to hospitals and health centers in affected communities;

1 ~~(2) food assistance for vulnerable individuals;~~
 2 including assistance to improve food security for af-
 3 fected communities; and

4 ~~(3) hygiene supplies and sanitation services.~~

5 (b) ~~ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS.~~—The assistance de-
 6 scribed in subsection (a)—

7 ~~(1) may be provided—~~

8 ~~(A) directly to Venezuelans in neighboring~~
 9 ~~countries; or~~

10 ~~(B) indirectly through the communities in~~
 11 ~~which the Venezuelans reside; and~~

12 ~~(2) should focus on the most vulnerable Ven-~~
 13 ~~ezuelans in neighboring countries.~~

14 (c) ~~STRATEGY REQUIREMENT.~~—The strategy re-
 15 quired under section 201(c) shall include a strategy for
 16 carrying out the activities described in subsection (a).

17 (d) ~~AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.~~—

18 ~~(1) IN GENERAL.~~—There is authorized to be
 19 appropriated to the Secretary of State \$200,000,000
 20 for fiscal year 2019 to carry out the activities set
 21 forth in subsection (a) in accordance with this sec-
 22 tion.

23 ~~(2) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.~~—

24 ~~(A) IN GENERAL.~~—Except as provided
 25 under subparagraph (B), amounts appropriated

1 or otherwise made available pursuant to para-
2 graph (1) may not be obligated until 15 days
3 after the date on which the President provides
4 notice to the committees listed in section
5 201(e)(1) of the intent to obligate such funds.

6 ~~(B) WAIVER.—~~

7 (i) ~~IN GENERAL.—~~The Secretary of
8 State may waive the requirement under
9 subparagraph (A) if the Secretary deter-
10 mines that such requirement would pose a
11 substantial risk to human health or wel-
12 fare.

13 (ii) ~~NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—~~If
14 a waiver is invoked under clause (i), the
15 President shall notify the committees listed
16 in section 201(e)(1) of the intention to ob-
17 ligate funds under this section as early as
18 practicable, but not later than 3 days after
19 taking the action to which such notification
20 requirement was applicable in the context
21 of the circumstances necessitating such
22 waiver.

1 **SEC. 203. REQUIREMENT FOR STRATEGY TO COORDINATE**
 2 **INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN ASSIST-**
 3 **ANCE.**

4 (a) STRATEGY.—The strategy required under section
 5 201(c) shall include a multiyear strategy that—

6 (1) describes United States diplomatic efforts to
 7 ensure support from international donors, including
 8 regional partners in Latin America and the Carib-
 9 bean, for the provision of humanitarian assistance to
 10 the people of Venezuela;

11 (2) identifies governments that are willing to
 12 provide financial and technical assistance for the
 13 provision of such humanitarian assistance to the
 14 people of Venezuela and a description of such assist-
 15 ance; and

16 (3) identifies the financial and technical assist-
 17 ance to be provided by multilateral institutions, in-
 18 cluding the United Nations humanitarian agencies
 19 listed in section 104(a), the Pan American Health
 20 Organization, the Inter-American Development
 21 Bank, and the World Bank, and a description of
 22 such assistance.

23 (b) DIPLOMATIC ENGAGEMENT.—The Secretary of
 24 State, in consultation with the Administrator of the
 25 United States Agency for International Development, shall
 26 work with relevant foreign governments and multilateral

1 organizations to coordinate a donors summit and carry out
 2 diplomatic engagement to advance the strategy described
 3 in subsection (a).

4 **SEC. 204. SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS AT THE UNITED NATIONS**
 5 **ON THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN VENEZU-**
 6 **ELA.**

7 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
 8 gress that the United Nations humanitarian agencies, in-
 9 cluding the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian
 10 Affairs, the World Health Organization, the Pan Amer-
 11 ican Health Organization, the Food and Agriculture Orga-
 12 nization, UNICEF, and the United Nations High Com-
 13 missioner for Refugees, should conduct and publish inde-
 14 pendent assessments regarding—

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

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

20 (3) the efforts needed to resolve the shortages
 21 identified in paragraph (1) and to improve the
 22 health indicators referred to in paragraph (2).

23 (b) INITIAL EFFORTS.—The President shall instruct
 24 the Permanent Representative of the United States to the
 25 United Nations to use the voice and vote of the United

1 States in the United Nations Security Council to secure
 2 the necessary votes—

3 (1) to place the humanitarian and political cri-
 4 sis in Venezuela on the United Nations Security
 5 Council's Programme of Work; and

6 (2) to secure a Presidential Statement from the
 7 President of the United Nations Security Council
 8 urging the Maduro regime—

9 (A) to allow the delivery of humanitarian
 10 relief; and

11 (B) to lift bureaucratic impediments or
 12 any other obstacles preventing independent non-
 13 governmental organizations from providing the
 14 proper assistance to the people of Venezuela
 15 without any interference by the Maduro regime.

16 (c) UNITED NATIONS HUMANITARIAN COORDI-
 17 NATOR.—The President shall instruct the Permanent Rep-
 18 resentative to the United Nations to use the voice and in-
 19 fluence of the United States to advance the appointment
 20 of a United Nations Humanitarian Coordinator for Ven-
 21 ezuela to lead and coordinate the efforts of humanitarian
 22 organizations in a manner that contributes to Venezuela's
 23 long-term recovery.

24 (d) ADDITIONAL EFFORTS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—If the Maduro regime re-
 2 fuses to allow the delivery of humanitarian relief and
 3 to lift bureaucratic impediments and any other ob-
 4 stacles described in subsection (b)(2)(B), the Presi-
 5 dent, beginning not later than 30 days after the con-
 6 clusion of the efforts of the United Nations de-
 7 scribed in such subsection, shall instruct the Perma-
 8 nent Representative of the United States to the
 9 United Nations to use the voice and vote of the
 10 United States to secure the adoption of a resolution
 11 described in paragraph (2).

12 (2) RESOLUTION DESCRIBED.—The resolution
 13 described in this paragraph is a Resolution of the
 14 United Nations Security Council that—

15 (A) requires the Maduro regime to prompt-
 16 ly allow safe and unhindered access for humani-
 17 tarian agencies and their implementing part-
 18 ners, including possible support from neigh-
 19 boring countries; and

20 (B) calls on the Maduro regime—

21 (i) to allow the delivery of food and
 22 medicine to the people of Venezuela;

23 (ii) to end human rights violations
 24 against the people of Venezuela;

(iii) to agree to free, fair, and transparent elections with credible international observers;

(iv) to cease violence against the people of Venezuela; and

(v) to release all political prisoners held by the Maduro regime.

SEC. 205. SANCTIONS EXCEPTIONS FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

(2) MEDICAL DEVICE.—The term “medical device” has the meaning given the term “device” in section 201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321).

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

(b) IN GENERAL.—Any transaction for the sale of agricultural commodities, food, medicine, or medical devices to Venezuela or for the provision of humanitarian assist-

1 anee to the people of Venezuela, and any transaction that
 2 is incidental or necessary to any such transaction, regard-
 3 less of whether the transactions or provision of humani-
 4 tarian assistance originate in, or have a connection to, the
 5 United States, shall be exempt from United States sanc-
 6 tions, including sanctions described in—

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

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

11 (3) Executive Orders 13692, 13808, 13827,
 12 13835, 13850, and 13857.

13 **TITLE III—ADDRESSING REGIME** 14 **COHESION**

15 **SEC. 301. CLASSIFIED REPORT ON DECLINING COHESION** 16 **INSIDE THE VENEZUELAN MILITARY AND** 17 **THE MADURO REGIME.**

18 (a) **REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**—Not later than 30
 19 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
 20 retary of State, acting through the Bureau of Intelligence
 21 and Research, and in coordination with the Director of
 22 National Intelligence, shall submit a classified report to
 23 the appropriate congressional committees that assesses
 24 the declining cohesion inside the Venezuelan military and
 25 security forces and the Maduro regime.

1 (b) ~~ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS.~~—The report submitted
2 under subsection (a) shall—

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

8 ~~(2)~~ describe the factors that would accelerate
9 the decision making of individuals identified in para-
10 graph ~~(1)~~—

11 ~~(A)~~ to break with the Maduro regime; and

12 ~~(B)~~ to recognize the Interim President of
13 Venezuela and his government; and

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

18 ~~(c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.~~—

19 In this section, the term “appropriate congressional com-
20 mittees” means—

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

23 ~~(2)~~ the Select Committee on Intelligence of the
24 Senate;

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

3 ~~(4)~~ the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-
4 ligence of the House of Representatives.

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

6 ~~(a)~~ IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall im-
7 pose the visa restrictions described in subsection ~~(c)~~ on
8 any current or former official of the Maduro regime, or
9 any foreign person acting on behalf of such regime, who
10 the Secretary determines—

11 ~~(1)~~ is responsible for, is complicit in, is respon-
12 sible for ordering, controlling, or otherwise directing,
13 or is knowingly participating in ~~(directly or indi-~~
14 ~~rectly)~~ any activity in or in relation to Venezuela, on
15 or after January 23, 2019, that undermines or
16 threatens the integrity of—

17 ~~(A)~~ the democratically elected National As-
18 sembly of Venezuela; or

19 ~~(B)~~ the President of such National Assem-
20 bly, while serving as Interim President of Ven-
21 ezuela, or the government officials under the
22 supervision of such President;

23 ~~(2)~~ is the spouse or child of a foreign person
24 described in paragraph ~~(1)~~; or

1 ~~(3)~~ is the spouse or child of a foreign person
2 described or identified under—

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

7 ~~(B)~~ section 804(b) of the Foreign Nar-
8 cotics Kingpin Designation Act (21 U.S.C.
9 1903(b)); or

10 ~~(C)~~ Executive Orders 13692 (50 U.S.C.
11 1701 note) and 13850.

12 ~~(b) REMOVAL FROM VISA REVOCATION LIST.—~~If a
13 person described in subsection (a)(1) or in subparagraphs
14 (A) through (C) of subsection (a)(3) publicly recognizes
15 and pledges supports for the Interim President of Ven-
16 ezuela and the government officials supervised by such In-
17 terim President, any family members of such person who
18 were subject to visa restrictions pursuant to paragraph (2)
19 or (3) of such subsection shall no longer be subject to such
20 visa restrictions.

21 ~~(c) VISA RESTRICTIONS DESCRIBED.—~~

22 ~~(1) EXCLUSION FROM THE UNITED STATES~~
23 AND REVOCATION OF VISA OR OTHER DOCUMENTA-
24 TION.—Subject to paragraph (2) and subsection (b),
25 an alien described in subsection (a)—

1 (A) is inadmissible to the United States;

2 (B) is ineligible to receive a visa or other
3 documentation authorizing entry into the
4 United States;

5 (C) is otherwise ineligible to be admitted or
6 paroled into the United States or to receive any
7 benefit under the Immigration and Nationality
8 Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.); and

9 (D) shall, in accordance with section 221(i)
10 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
11 U.S.C. 1201(i)), have his or her visa or other
12 documentation revoked, regardless of when the
13 visa or other documentation was issued.

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

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

4 **SEC. 303. WAIVER FOR SANCTIONED OFFICIALS THAT REC-**
 5 **OGNIZE THE INTERIM PRESIDENT OF VEN-**
 6 **EZUELA.**

7 (a) REMOVAL FROM VISA REVOCATION LIST.—If a
 8 person sanctioned under any of the provisions of law de-
 9 scribed in subsection (b) publicly recognizes and pledges
 10 supports for the Interim President of Venezuela and the
 11 government officials supervised by such Interim President,
 12 the person shall no longer be subject to such sanctions.

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

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

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

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

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

5 ~~(3)(A) Section 1(a)(ii) of Executive Order~~
 6 ~~13850.~~

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

10 ~~(c) RULEMAKING.—The President shall issue such~~
 11 ~~regulations, licenses, and orders as may be necessary to~~
 12 ~~carry out this section.~~

13 **TITLE IV—RESTORING DEMOC-**
 14 **RACY AND ADDRESSING THE**
 15 **POLITICAL CRISIS IN VEN-**
 16 **EZUELA**

17 **SEC. 401. SPECIAL ENVOY FOR VENEZUELA AND TASK**
 18 **FORCE ON VENEZUELA.**

19 ~~(a) DESIGNATION.—Not later than 30 days after the~~
 20 ~~date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State~~
 21 ~~shall designate a Special Envoy for Venezuela (referred~~
 22 ~~to in this section as the “Special Envoy”), who shall—~~

23 ~~(1) have the rank and status of ambassador;~~
 24 ~~and~~

25 ~~(2) report directly to the Secretary of State.~~

1 (b) DUTIES.—The Special Envoy shall—

2 (1) coordinate United States policy towards
3 Venezuela between relevant departments and agen-
4 cies, including the Department of State, the Depart-
5 ment of the Treasury, the Department of Justice,
6 the Department of Defense, the United States Agen-
7 cy for International Development, and the intel-
8 ligence community;

9 (2) develop and conduct oversight of United
10 States programs and operations related to Ven-
11 ezuela, including humanitarian assistance, support
12 for regional migration systems, and assistance to
13 democratic actors and independent civil society in
14 Venezuela;

15 (3) advance efforts—

16 (A) to recover the assets described in sec-
17 tion 502(a)(2) that were stolen from the Ven-
18 ezuelan people; and

19 (B) to coordinate sanctions with the
20 United States partners referred to in section
21 601;

22 (4) engage and coordinate policy matters re-
23 lated to Venezuela with the international community,
24 including the Organization of American States, the
25 United Nations and its agencies, the Lima Group,

1 the European Union, and other governments and or-
 2 ganizations with interest in Venezuela;

3 (5) engage and coordinate with actors sup-
 4 porting the restoration of democracy in Venezuela;
 5 including the Venezuelan diaspora and the demo-
 6 cratic political opposition in Venezuela; and

7 (6) communicate and coordinate engagement
 8 with the Maduro regime.

9 (c) AUTHORIZATION.—Notwithstanding any other
 10 provision of law, the Special Envoy is authorized to di-
 11 rectly engage with the Maduro regime and its officers.

12 (d) TASK FORCE ON VENEZUELA.—

13 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established an
 14 interagency task force, to be known as the “Task
 15 Force on Venezuela” (referred to in this subsection
 16 as the “Task Force”).

17 (2) MISSION.—The primary mission of the
 18 Task Force is to support the Special Envoy in the
 19 exercise of the duties described in subsection (b).

20 (3) COMPOSITION.—The Task Force shall in-
 21 clude representatives of, or liaison officers from, the
 22 Department of State, the Department of the Treas-
 23 ury, the Department of Justice, the Department of
 24 Defense, the United States Agency for International
 25 Development, and the Central Intelligence Agency.

1 Members of the Task Force shall be selected from
 2 among existing employees of their respective depart-
 3 ments.

4 (e) MONTHLY CONSULTATION.—Not later than 30
 5 days after being designated under subsection (a), and
 6 every 30 days thereafter, the Special Envoy shall brief and
 7 consult with—

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

10 (2) the Committee on Appropriations of the
 11 Senate;

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

14 (4) the Committee on Appropriations of the
 15 House of Representatives.

16 **SEC. 402. SUPPORT FOR THE LIMA GROUP.**

17 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
 18 ings:

19 (1) The Lima Group is a diplomatic bloc whose
 20 members include Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile,
 21 Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Guyana, Hon-
 22 duras, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, and Saint Lucia.

23 (2) The Lima Group—

1 (A) has recognized National Assembly
2 President Juan Guaidó as the Interim Presi-
3 dent of Venezuela;

4 (B) has reaffirmed the authority of the
5 democratically elected National Assembly of
6 Venezuela;

7 (C) has stated that it does not recognize
8 the legitimacy of Nicolás Maduro's tenure in of-
9 fice beyond January 10, 2019;

10 (D) has stated that it does not recognize
11 the legitimacy of Venezuela's May 20, 2018,
12 presidential election as it did not comply with
13 international standards for a democratic, free,
14 fair, and transparent process;

15 (E) has called on Nicolás Maduro to provi-
16 sionally transfer executive powers to the Na-
17 tional Assembly of Venezuela until new demo-
18 cratic elections are held;

19 (F) has condemned the rupture of the
20 democratic order in Venezuela;

21 (G) has called on the Maduro regime to ac-
22 cept humanitarian assistance in order to ad-
23 dress the country's growing economic crisis; and

24 (H) reiterated its "conviction that the
25 transition to democracy must be conducted by

1 Venezuelans themselves, peacefully and within
 2 the framework of the Constitution and inter-
 3 national law, supported by political and diplo-
 4 matic means, without the use of force.”.

5 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
 6 gress that the Secretary of State should conduct diplo-
 7 matic engagement in support of efforts by the Lima Group
 8 to restore democracy and the rule of law in Venezuela and
 9 facilitate the delivery of humanitarian assistance for the
 10 Venezuelan people.

11 **SEC. 403. ACCOUNTABILITY FOR CRIMES AGAINST HUMAN-**
 12 **ITY.**

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

15 (1) On July 25, 2017, the Secretary General of
 16 the Organization of American States stated “the
 17 systematic attack against the civilian population [of
 18 Venezuela] includes murders, imprisonment and tor-
 19 ture, and it is evident in the eyes of the inter-
 20 national community that we are in the presence of
 21 crimes against humanity.”.

22 (2) On September 11, 2017, the United Na-
 23 tions High Commissioner for Human Rights stated
 24 that Venezuelan security forces may have committed

1 crimes against humanity against protesters and
 2 called for a credible international investigation.

3 ~~(3) A November 29, 2017, report by Human~~
 4 ~~Rights Watch documented that Venezuelan security~~
 5 ~~forces had used extreme and, at times, lethal forces~~
 6 ~~against protesters and, once detained, subjected~~
 7 ~~them to abuses ranging from severe beatings to tor-~~
 8 ~~ture involving electric shocks, asphyxiation, and~~
 9 ~~other techniques.~~

10 ~~(4) On February 8, 2018, the Prosecutor of the~~
 11 ~~International Criminal Court opened a preliminary~~
 12 ~~examination of the situation in Venezuela as it re-~~
 13 ~~lates to Venezuelan security forces using excessive~~
 14 ~~force against civilians and the political opposition.~~

15 ~~(5) On May 29, 2018, a panel of independent~~
 16 ~~international experts convened by the Secretary Gen-~~
 17 ~~eral of the Organization of American States found~~
 18 ~~that “there are reasonable grounds that satisfy the~~
 19 ~~standard of proof required by Article 53 of the~~
 20 ~~Rome Statute for considering that acts to which the~~
 21 ~~civilian population of Venezuela was subjected . . .~~
 22 ~~constitute crimes against humanity”.~~

23 ~~(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-~~
 24 ~~gress that the Secretary of State should conduct robust~~
 25 ~~diplomatic engagement in support of efforts in Venezuela,~~

1 and on the part of the international community, to ensure
 2 accountability for possible crimes against humanity and
 3 other violations of international humanitarian law and vio-
 4 lations and abuses of human rights.

5 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date
 6 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall
 7 submit a report to Congress that—

8 (1) evaluates the degree to which the Maduro
 9 regime and its officials, including members of the
 10 Venezuelan security force, have engaged in actions
 11 that constitute crimes against humanity and viola-
 12 tions of internationally recognized humanitarian
 13 rights; and

14 (2) provides options for holding accountable the
 15 perpetrators identified under paragraph (1).

16 **SEC. 404. UPHOLDING THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN**
 17 **STATES INTER-AMERICAN DEMOCRATIC**
 18 **CHARTER.**

19 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
 20 ings:

21 (1) Article 1 of the Inter-American Democratic
 22 Charter, which was adopted by the Organization of
 23 American States in Lima on September 11, 2001,
 24 states: “The peoples of the Americas have a right to

1 democracy and their governments have an obligation
2 to promote and defend it.”.

3 ~~(2)~~ Article 19 of the Inter-American Demo-
4 cratic Charter states “an unconstitutional interrup-
5 tion of the democratic order or an unconstitutional
6 alteration of the constitutional regime that seriously
7 impairs the democratic order in a member state;
8 constitutes, while it persists, an insurmountable ob-
9 stacle to its government’s participation in sessions of
10 the General Assembly : : : and other bodies of the
11 Organization.”.

12 ~~(3)~~ Article 20 of the Inter-American Demo-
13 cratic Charter states the following:

14 (A) “In the event of an unconstitutional al-
15 teration of the constitutional regime that seri-
16 ously impairs the democratic order in a member
17 state, any member state or the Secretary Gen-
18 eral may request the immediate convocation of
19 the Permanent Council to undertake a collective
20 assessment of the situation and to take such de-
21 cisions as it deems appropriate.”.

22 (B) “The Permanent Council, depending
23 on the situation, may undertake the necessary
24 diplomatic initiatives, including good offices, to
25 foster the restoration of democracy.”.

1 (4) Article 21 of the Inter-American Demo-
 2 cratic Charter states “When the special session of
 3 the General Assembly determines that there has
 4 been an unconstitutional interruption of the demo-
 5 cratic order of a member state, and that diplomatic
 6 initiatives have failed, the special session shall take
 7 the decision to suspend said member state.”.

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

10 (1) Nicolás Maduro and the Supreme Tribunal
 11 of Justice of Venezuela have carried out systematic
 12 efforts to undermine, block, and circumvent the au-
 13 thorities and responsibilities of the Venezuelan Na-
 14 tional Assembly, as mandated in the Constitution of
 15 the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela;

16 (2) the electoral process convened by the Na-
 17 tional Electoral Council of Venezuela on May 20,
 18 2018 was not democratic, free, fair, or transparent;

19 (3) Nicolás Maduro’s attempt to inaugurate
 20 himself for a second term in office on January 10,
 21 2019, was not legitimate;

22 (4) such events constitute an unconstitutional
 23 alteration of the constitutional regime that seriously
 24 impairs the democratic order in Venezuela; and

(5) the Secretary of State, working through the United States Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States, should take additional steps to support ongoing efforts by the Secretary General—

(A) to invoke the Inter-American Democratic Charter; and

(B) to promote diplomatic initiatives to foster the restoration of Venezuelan democracy.

SEC. 405. SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL ELECTION OBSERVATION AND DEMOCRATIC CIVIL SOCIETY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in coordination with the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development—

(1) shall work with the Organization of American States to ensure credible international observation of future elections in Venezuela that contributes to free, fair, and transparent democratic electoral processes; and

(2) shall work through nongovernmental organizations—

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

1 ~~(B)~~ to defend internationally recognized
 2 human rights for the people of Venezuela, in-
 3 cluding support for efforts to document crimes
 4 against humanity and violations of human
 5 rights;

6 ~~(C)~~ to support the efforts of independent
 7 media outlets to broadcast, distribute, and
 8 share information beyond the limited channels
 9 made available by the Maduro regime; and

10 ~~(D)~~ to combat corruption and improve the
 11 transparency and accountability of institutions
 12 that are part of the Maduro regime.

13 (b) VOICE AND VOTE AT THE ORGANIZATION OF
 14 AMERICAN STATES.—The Secretary of State, acting
 15 through the United States Permanent Representative to
 16 the Organization of American States, should advocate and
 17 build diplomatic support for sending an election observa-
 18 tion mission to Venezuela to ensure that democratic elec-
 19 toral processes are organized and carried out in a free,
 20 fair, and transparent manner.

21 (c) STRATEGY REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180
 22 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
 23 retary of State, in coordination with the Administrator of
 24 the United States Agency for International Development,

1 shall submit a strategy to carry out the activities described
 2 in subsection (a) to—

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

5 ~~(2) the Committee on Appropriations of the~~
 6 ~~Senate;~~

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

9 ~~(4) the Committee on Appropriations of the~~
 10 ~~House of Representatives.~~

11 ~~(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—~~

12 ~~(1) IN GENERAL.—~~There are authorized to be
 13 appropriated to the Secretary of State for fiscal year
 14 2019—

15 ~~(A) \$500,000 to carry out the activities de-~~
 16 ~~scribed in subsection (a)(1); and~~

17 ~~(B) \$14,500,000 to carry out the activities~~
 18 ~~described in subsection (a)(2).~~

19 ~~(2) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—~~

20 ~~(A) IN GENERAL.—~~Except as provided
 21 under subparagraph (B), amounts appropriated
 22 or otherwise made available pursuant to para-
 23 graph (1) may not be obligated until 15 days
 24 after the date on which the President provides

1 notice to the committees listed in subsection (c)
2 of intent to obligate such funds.

3 ~~(B) WAIVER.—~~

4 (i) ~~IN GENERAL.—~~The Secretary of
5 State may waive the notification require-
6 ment under subparagraph (A) if the Sec-
7 retary determines that such waiver is in
8 the national security interest of the United
9 States.

10 (ii) ~~NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—~~If
11 a waiver is invoked under clause (i), the
12 Secretary of State shall notify the commit-
13 tees listed in subsection (c) of the intention
14 to obligate funds under this section as
15 early as practicable, but not later than 3
16 days after taking the action to which such
17 notification requirement was applicable in
18 the context of the circumstances necessi-
19 tating such waiver.

1 **TITLE V—SUPPORTING THE RE-**
 2 **CONSTRUCTION OF VENEZU-**
 3 **ELA**

4 **SEC. 501. ENGAGING INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITU-**
 5 **TIONS TO ADVANCE THE RECONSTRUCTION**
 6 **OF VENEZUELA'S ECONOMY AND ENERGY IN-**
 7 **FRASTRUCTURE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall engage the
 9 International Monetary Fund and the Multilateral Devel-
 10 opment Banks to create a framework for the economic re-
 11 construction of Venezuela, contingent upon the restoration
 12 of democracy and the rule of law in the country.

13 (b) ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS.—The framework ere-
 14 ated under subsection (a) should include policy pro-
 15 posals—

16 (1) to provide Venezuelans with humanitarian
 17 assistance, poverty alleviation, and a social safety
 18 net;

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

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

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

1 (5) to address hyperinflation in Venezuela.

2 (e) CONSULTATION.—In creating the framework
3 under subsection (a), the President shall consult with rel-
4 evant stakeholders in the humanitarian (including inter-
5 national and nongovernmental organizations), financial,
6 and energy sectors.

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

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

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

14 (e) CERTIFICATION.—The President may not support
15 lending or financing for Venezuela from the International
16 Monetary Fund and the Multilateral Development Banks
17 until the Secretary of State submits a report to the Com-
18 mittee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and Committee
19 on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives certi-
20 fying that any such lending or financing—

21 (1) would be managed by the Interim President
22 of Venezuela or a new, democratically elected Presi-
23 dent;

24 (2) would not be used to repay external credi-
25 tors who are not members of the Group of Seven un-

1 less such payments are essential to the restoration
 2 of economic stability and democracy in Venezuela;
 3 and

4 ~~(3)~~ would not benefit the Maduro regime.

5 **SEC. 502. RECOVERING ASSETS STOLEN FROM THE VEN-**
 6 **EZUELAN PEOPLE.**

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

9 ~~(1)~~ Venezuela ranked 169th out of 180 coun-
 10 tries in Transparency International's Corruption
 11 Perception Index 2017.

12 ~~(2)~~ In March 2015, the Department of the
 13 Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network
 14 determined that approximately \$2,000,000,000 had
 15 been siphoned from Venezuela's public oil company,
 16 Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A., in conjunction with its
 17 designation of the Banca Privada d'Andorra as a
 18 Foreign Financial Institution of Primary Money
 19 Laundering Concern.

20 (b) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in coordi-
 21 nation with the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attor-
 22 ney General, shall advance a coordinated international ef-
 23 fort—

24 ~~(1)~~ to carry out special financial investigations
 25 to identify and track assets taken from the people

1 and institutions of Venezuela through theft, corrup-
2 tion, money laundering, or other illicit means; and

3 ~~(2) work with foreign governments—~~

4 ~~(A) to share financial investigations intel-~~
5 ~~ligence, as appropriate;~~

6 ~~(B) to block the assets identified pursuant~~
7 ~~to paragraph (1); and~~

8 ~~(C) to advance necessary civil forfeiture~~
9 ~~litigation, including providing technical assist-~~
10 ~~ance to help governments establish the nec-~~
11 ~~essary legal framework to carry out asset for-~~
12 ~~feitures.~~

13 ~~(c) ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS.—The coordinated inter-~~
14 ~~national effort described in subsection (b) shall—~~

15 ~~(1) include input from—~~

16 ~~(A) the Office of Foreign Assets Control of~~
17 ~~the Department of the Treasury;~~

18 ~~(B) the Financial Crimes Enforcement~~
19 ~~Network of the Department of the Treasury;~~
20 ~~and~~

21 ~~(C) the Money Laundering and Asset Re-~~
22 ~~covery Section of the Department of Justice;~~

23 ~~(2) identify appropriate steps to advance nec-~~
24 ~~essary civil forfeiture litigation in the United States;~~

1 ~~(3)~~ include an assessment of whether the
 2 United States or another member of the inter-
 3 national community should establish a managed
 4 fund to hold the assets identified pursuant to sub-
 5 section ~~(b)(1)~~ that could be returned to a future
 6 democratic government in Venezuela; and

7 ~~(4)~~ include recommendations for new legislative
 8 and regulatory measures in the United States that
 9 would be needed to establish and manage the fund
 10 described in paragraph ~~(3)~~.

11 ~~(d)~~ STRATEGY REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180
 12 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
 13 retary of State shall submit a strategy for carrying out
 14 the activities described in subsection (b) to—

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

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

19 ~~(3)~~ the Committee on the Judiciary of the Sen-
 20 ate;

21 ~~(4)~~ the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
 22 House of Representatives;

23 ~~(5)~~ the Committee on Financial Services of the
 24 House of Representatives; and

1 (6) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
2 House of Representatives.

3 **TITLE VI—RESTORING THE**
4 **RULE OF LAW IN VENEZUELA**

5 **SEC. 601. DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING A COORDI-**
6 **NATED SANCTIONS STRATEGY WITH PART-**
7 **NERS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE AND**
8 **THE EUROPEAN UNION.**

9 (a) STRENGTHENING SANCTIONS CAPACITY IN LATIN
10 AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN.—The Secretary of State,
11 working through the Assistant Secretary of State for
12 International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs and
13 the Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Busi-
14 ness Affairs, and in consultation with the Secretary of the
15 Treasury, shall provide technical assistance to partner
16 governments in Latin America and the Caribbean to assist
17 such governments in establishing the legislative and regu-
18 latory frameworks needed to impose targeted sanctions on
19 officials of the Maduro regime who—

20 (1) are responsible for human rights abuses;
21 (2) have engaged in public corruption; or
22 (3) are undermining democratic institutions and
23 processes in Venezuela.

24 (b) COORDINATING INTERNATIONAL SANCTIONS.—
25 The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary

1 of the Treasury, shall engage in diplomatic efforts with
 2 partner governments, including the Government of Can-
 3 ada, governments in the European Union, and govern-
 4 ments in Latin America and the Caribbean, to impose tar-
 5 geted sanctions on the officials described in subsection (a).

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

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

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

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

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

19 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
 21 appropriated, to the Department of State,
 22 \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2019 to carry out the ac-
 23 tivities set forth in subsection (a) in accordance with
 24 this section.

25 (2) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided
2 under subparagraph (B), amounts appropriated
3 or otherwise made available pursuant to para-
4 graph (1) may not be obligated until 15 days
5 after the date on which the President provides
6 notice to the committees listed in subsection (c)
7 of the intent to obligate such funds.

8 (B) WAIVER.—

9 (i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of
10 State may waive the requirement under
11 subparagraph (A) if the Secretary of State
12 determines that such waiver is in the na-
13 tional security interest of the United
14 States.

15 (ii) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—If
16 a waiver is invoked under clause (i), the
17 President shall notify the committees listed
18 in subsection (c) of the intention to obli-
19 gate funds under this section as early as
20 practicable, but not later than 3 days after
21 taking the action to which such notification
22 requirement was applicable in the context
23 of the circumstances necessitating such
24 waiver.

1 **SEC. 602. CLASSIFIED BRIEFING ON THE INVOLVEMENT OF**
2 **VENEZUELAN OFFICIALS IN CORRUPTION**
3 **AND ILLICIT NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING.**

4 (a) **BRIEFING REQUIREMENT.**—Not later than 90
5 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
6 retary of State, acting through the Bureau of Intelligence
7 and Research, and in coordination with the Director of
8 National Intelligence, shall brief the appropriate congres-
9 sional committees on the involvement of senior officials of
10 the Maduro regime, including members of the National
11 Electoral Council, the judicial system, and the Venezuelan
12 security forces, in illicit narcotics trafficking and acts of
13 corruption in Venezuela.

14 (b) **ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS.**—The briefing provided
15 under subsection (a) shall—

16 (1) describe how the acts of corruption de-
17 scribed in the report pose challenges for United
18 States national security and impact the rule of law
19 and democratic governance in countries of the West-
20 ern Hemisphere;

21 (2) identify individuals that frustrate the ability
22 of the United States to combat illicit narcotics traf-
23 ficking;

24 (3) include an assessment of the relationship
25 between individuals identified under subsection (a)
26 and Nicolás Maduro or members of his cabinet; and

1 (4) include input from the Drug Enforcement
 2 Administration, the Office of Foreign Assets Con-
 3 trol, and the Financial Crimes Enforcement Net-
 4 work.

5 (e) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—

6 In this section, the term “appropriate congressional com-
 7 mittees” means—

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

10 (2) the Select Committee on Intelligence of the
 11 Senate;

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

14 (4) the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-
 15 ligence of the House of Representatives.

16 **SEC. 603. SANCTIONS ON PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR PUB-**
 17 **LIC CORRUPTION AND UNDERMINING DEMO-**
 18 **CRATIC GOVERNANCE.**

19 (a) FINDING.—Executive Order 13692 (50 U.S.C.
 20 1701 note), which was signed on March 8, 2015, estab-
 21 lished sanctions against individuals responsible for under-
 22 mining democratic processes and institutions and involved
 23 in acts of public corruption that were not included in the
 24 Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act
 25 of 2014 (Public Law 113–278).

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

4 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)—

5 (A) by striking “Government of Ven-
 6 ezuela” and inserting “Maduro regime (as de-
 7 fined in section 4 of the Venezuela Emergency
 8 Relief, Democracy Assistance, and Development
 9 Act of 2019)”; and

10 (B) by striking “that Government” and in-
 11 serting “that regime”;

12 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “or” at the
 13 end;

14 (3) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
 15 graph (5);

16 (4) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
 17 lowing:

18 “(3) is responsible for, or complicit in, ordering,
 19 controlling, or otherwise directing, significant actions
 20 or policies that undermine democratic processes or
 21 institutions;

22 “(4) is a government official, or a senior asso-
 23 ciate of such an official, that is responsible for, or
 24 complicit in, ordering, controlling, or otherwise di-
 25 recting, acts of significant corruption, including the

1 expropriation of private or public assets for personal
 2 gain; corruption related to government contracts or
 3 the extraction of natural resources; bribery; or the
 4 facilitation or transfer of the proceeds of corruption
 5 to foreign jurisdictions; or”; and

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

9 **SEC. 604. PUBLIC INFORMATION ABOUT SANCTIONED OFFI-**
 10 **CIALS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
 12 date of the enactment of this Act, and every 180 days
 13 thereafter, except as provided in subsection (c), the Sec-
 14 retary of Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of
 15 State, shall submit a report to Congress that describes the
 16 total assessed value of blocked assets of Venezuelans des-
 17 ignated under sanctions authorized under—

18 (1) the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation
 19 Act (title VIII of Public Law 106–120, 21 U.S.C.
 20 1901 et seq.);

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

24 (3) Executive Orders 13692 (50 U.S.C. 1701
 25 note) and 13850.

1 (b) ~~ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS.~~—Reports submitted
 2 under subsection (a) should provide descriptions of specific
 3 cases that are most representative of the endemic corrup-
 4 tion and illicit financial activities occurring in Venezuela.

5 (c) ~~SUBSEQUENT REPORTS.~~—The Secretary of
 6 Treasury is not required to submit an updated report to
 7 Congress under subsection (a) unless, since the submission
 8 of the preceding report—

9 (1) there has been meaningful change in the
 10 value of blocked assets; or

11 (2) additional individuals have been targeted for
 12 sanctions under the authorities listed in subsection
 13 (a).

14 (d) ~~BRIEFINGS.~~—If the Secretary of Treasury exer-
 15 cises the exception described in subsection (c), the Sec-
 16 retary of the Treasury, or designee, shall immediately brief
 17 Congress regarding—

18 (1) the decision to exercise the exception; and

19 (2) information related to the value of blocked
 20 assets described in subsection (a).

21 (e) ~~FORM.~~—Reports required under this section shall
 22 be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a clas-
 23 sified annex.

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, established
 5 sanctions against the Maduro regime’s ability to issue
 6 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 other 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)~~ securities qualifying as debt instru-
 2 ments issued by the Maduro regime on or after
 3 the date of the enactment of this Act that are
 4 not described in paragraph ~~(1)~~(B);

5 ~~(3)~~ any transaction that evades or avoids, has
 6 the purpose of evading or avoiding, causes a viola-
 7 tion of, or attempts to violate a prohibition under
 8 paragraph ~~(1)~~ or ~~(2)~~; and

9 ~~(4)~~ any conspiracy to violate a prohibition
 10 under paragraph ~~(1)~~, ~~(2)~~, or ~~(3)~~.

11 ~~(d)~~ SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
 12 gress that the President should waive the prohibitions de-
 13 scribed in subsection ~~(c)~~ and in Executive Order 13808
 14 if the related debt instruments, bonds, or securities have
 15 been approved or ratified by the democratically elected
 16 National Assembly of the Bolivarian Republic of Ven-
 17 ezuela.

18 ~~(c)~~ IMPLEMENTATION; PENALTIES.—

19 ~~(1)~~ IMPLEMENTATION.—The President may ex-
 20 ercise all authorities described in sections 203 and
 21 205 of the International Emergency Economic Pow-
 22 ers Act ~~(50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704)~~ to carry out this
 23 section.

24 ~~(2)~~ PENALTIES.—A person that violates, at-
 25 tempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a

violation of this section or any regulation, license, or order issued to carry out this section shall be subject to the penalties set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) to the same extent as a person that commits an unlawful act described in subsection (a) of that section.

SEC. 606. ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL SANCTIONS ON MADURO REGIME DEBT.

(a) **FINDING.**—Executive Order 13835 (83 Fed. Reg. 24001), which was signed on May 21, 2018, established additional sanctions against transactions involving the Maduro regime’s existing public debt.

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

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

(2) entering into any transaction related to any debt owed to the Maduro regime that is pledged as collateral after May 21, 2018, including accounts receivable; or

(3) entering into any transaction involving the selling, transferring, assigning, or pledging as collateral by the Maduro regime of any equity interest in

1 any entity in which the Maduro regime has a 50
2 percent or greater ownership interest.

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

9 (d) ENFORCEMENT.—The Secretary of the Treasury,
10 in consultation with the Secretary of State, may promul-
11 gate such regulations as may be necessary to enforce the
12 prohibition set forth in subsection (b).

13 **SEC. 607. EXPANDING KINGPIN SANCTIONS ON NARCOTICS**
14 **TRAFFICKING AND MONEY LAUNDERING.**

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

17 (1) On February 13, 2017, the Department of
18 the Treasury designated Venezuelan nationals
19 Tareck El Aissami (the current Vice President of
20 Venezuela) and Samark López Bello pursuant to the
21 Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (21
22 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.).

23 (2) On May 7, 2018, the Department of the
24 Treasury designated Venezuelan nationals Pedro

1 Luis Martin, Walter Alexander del Nogal, and Mario
 2 Antonio Rodríguez pursuant to such Act.

3 ~~(b) FINANCIAL SANCTIONS EXPANSION.—~~

4 ~~(1) IN GENERAL.—~~The Secretary of the Treas-
 5 ury, the Attorney General, the Secretary of State,
 6 the Secretary of Defense, and the Director of the
 7 Central Intelligence Agency shall expand investiga-
 8 tions, intelligence collection, and analysis pursuant
 9 to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act
 10 ~~(21 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.)~~ to facilitate the identifica-
 11 tion and support the application of sanctions
 12 against—

13 ~~(A) significant foreign narcotics traf-~~
 14 ~~fickers, their organizations and networks; and~~

15 ~~(B) the foreign persons who provide mate-~~
 16 ~~rial, financial, or technological support to such~~
 17 ~~traffickers, organizations, and networks.~~

18 ~~(2) TARGETS.—~~The efforts described in para-
 19 graph ~~(1)~~ shall specifically target—

20 ~~(A) senior members of the Maduro regime,~~
 21 ~~including military officers, involved in narcotics~~
 22 ~~trafficking and money laundering;~~

23 ~~(B) foreign narcotics traffickers and their~~
 24 ~~organizations and networks that are operating~~
 25 ~~in Venezuela; and~~

1 (C) the foreign persons who provide mate-
 2 rial, financial, or technological support to such
 3 traffickers, organizations, and networks that
 4 are operating in Venezuela.

5 **SEC. 608. SANCTIONS ON THE MADURO REGIME'S TRADE IN**
 6 **GOLD.**

7 (a) **FINDING.**—Executive Order 13850, which was
 8 signed on November 1, 2018, established sanctions
 9 against the gold sector of the Venezuelan economy.

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

19 **SEC. 609. CONCERNS OVER PDVSA TRANSACTIONS WITH**
 20 **ROSNEFT.**

21 (a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress makes the following find-
 22 ings:

23 (1) In late 2016, Venezuelan state-owned oil
 24 company Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. (referred to in
 25 this section as “PDVSA”), through a no compete

1 transaction, secured a loan from Russian govern-
2 ment-controlled oil company Rosneft, using 49.9 per-
3 cent of PDVSA's American subsidiary, CITGO Pe-
4 troleum Corporation, including its assets in the
5 United States, as collateral. As a result of this
6 transaction, 100 percent of CITGO is held as collat-
7 eral by PDVSA's creditors.

8 (2) CITGO, a wholly owned subsidiary of
9 PDVSA, is engaged in interstate commerce and
10 owns and controls critical energy infrastructure in
11 19 States of the United States, including an exten-
12 sive network of pipelines, 48 terminals, and 3 refin-
13 eries, with a combined oil refining capacity of
14 749,000 barrels per day. CITGO's refinery in Lake
15 Charles, Louisiana, is the sixth largest refinery in
16 the United States.

17 (3) The Department of the Treasury imposed
18 sanctions on Rosneft, which is controlled by the Gov-
19 ernment of the Russian Federation, and its Execu-
20 tive Chairman, Igor Sechin, following Russia's mili-
21 tary invasion of Ukraine and its illegal annexation of
22 Crimea in 2014.

23 (4) The Department of Homeland Security has
24 designated the energy sector as critical to United
25 States infrastructure.

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

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

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

17 (2) a default by PDVSA on its loan from
18 Rosneft, resulting in Rosneft coming into possession
19 of PDVSA's United States CITGO assets, would
20 warrant careful consideration by the Committee on
21 Foreign Investment in the United States.

22 (c) PREVENTING ROSNEFT FROM CONTROLLING
23 UNITED STATES ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE.—The Presi-
24 dent shall take all necessary steps to prevent Rosneft from

1 gaining control of critical United States energy infrastruc-
2 ture.

3 (d) SECURITY RISK ASSESSMENT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland
5 Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State,
6 shall conduct an assessment of the security risks
7 posed by Russian control of CITGO's United States
8 energy infrastructure holdings.

9 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
11 Homeland Security shall submit a report to the
12 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, the
13 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental
14 Affairs of the Senate, the Committee on Foreign Af-
15 fairs of the House of Representatives, and the Com-
16 mittee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-
17 resentatives that contains the results of the assess-
18 ment conducted pursuant to paragraph (1).

19 (e) REVIEW OF CITGO TRANSACTIONS.—If PDVSA
20 defaults on its debt obligations, the Secretary of the
21 Treasury should review CITGO's transactions with United
22 States persons to assess and ensure compliance with
23 United States sanctions policies and regulations.

1 **SEC. 610. CLASSIFIED BRIEFING ON ACTIVITIES OF CER-**
2 **TAIN FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND ACTORS**
3 **IN VENEZUELA.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,
6 acting through the Bureau of Intelligence and Research
7 of the Department of State, and in coordination with the
8 Director of National Intelligence, shall brief the appro-
9 priate congressional committees on—

10 (1) the full extent of cooperation by the Govern-
11 ment of the Russian Federation, the Government of
12 the People's Republic of China, the Government of
13 Cuba, and the Government of Iran with the Maduro
14 regime; and

15 (2) the activities inside Venezuelan territory of
16 foreign armed groups, including Colombian criminal
17 organizations and defectors from the Colombian gue-
18 rilla group known as the Revolutionary Armed
19 Forces of Colombia, and foreign terrorist organiza-
20 tions, including the Colombian guerilla group known
21 as the National Liberation Army (ELN).

22 (b) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—
23 In this section, the term “appropriate congressional com-
24 mittees” means—

25 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
26 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 **TITLE VII—CRYPTOCURRENCY**
8 **SANCTIONS AND ENSURING**
9 **THE EFFECTIVENESS OF**
10 **UNITED STATES SANCTIONS**

11 **SEC. 701. SANCTIONS ON VENEZUELA’S CRYPTOCURRENCY**
12 **AND THE PROVISION OF RELATED TECH-**
13 **NOLOGIES.**

14 (a) **FINDING.**—Executive Order 13827 (83 Fed. Reg.
15 12469), which was signed on March 19, 2018, established
16 sanctions against the Maduro regime’s ability to issue a
17 digital currency in an effort to circumvent United States
18 sanctions.

19 (b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

20 (1) **ENTITY.**—The term “entity” means a part-
21 nership, association, trust, joint venture, corpora-
22 tion, group, subgroup, or other organization.

23 (2) **PERSON.**—The term “person” means an in-
24 dividual or entity.

1 ~~(3)~~ UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term
 2 “United States person” means any—

3 ~~(A)~~ United States citizen;

4 ~~(B)~~ alien lawfully admitted for permanent
 5 residence to the United States;

6 ~~(C)~~ entity organized under the laws of the
 7 United States or any jurisdiction within the
 8 United States (including a foreign branch of
 9 any such entity); and

10 ~~(D)~~ any person physically located in the
 11 United States.

12 ~~(c)~~ PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS.—

13 ~~(1)~~ IN GENERAL.—All transactions by a United
 14 States person or within the United States that relate
 15 to, provide financing for, provide software for, or
 16 otherwise deal in any digital currency, digital coin,
 17 or digital token, that was issued by, for, or on behalf
 18 of the Maduro regime are prohibited beginning on
 19 the date of the enactment of this Act.

20 ~~(2)~~ APPLICABILITY.—The prohibitions under
 21 paragraph ~~(1)~~ shall apply to the extent provided by
 22 statutes, or in regulations, orders, directives, or li-
 23 censes that may be issued pursuant to this Act, and
 24 notwithstanding any contract entered into or any li-

1 cense or permit granted before the date of the enact-
2 ment of this Act.

3 ~~(3)~~ PROHIBITIONS.—Any transaction that
4 evades or avoids, has the purpose of evading or
5 avoiding, causes a violation of, or attempts to violate
6 any of the prohibitions set forth in this subsection
7 is prohibited. Any conspiracy formed to violate any
8 of the prohibitions set forth in this subsection is pro-
9 hibited.

10 ~~(d)~~ RULEMAKING.—

11 ~~(1)~~ IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treas-
12 ury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, is
13 authorized to take such actions, including promul-
14 gating rules and regulations, to implement this sec-
15 tion.

16 ~~(2)~~ DELEGATION.—The Secretary of the Treas-
17 ury may redelegate any of the functions described in
18 paragraph ~~(1)~~ to other officers and executive depart-
19 ments and agencies of the United States Govern-
20 ment. All agencies of the United States Government
21 shall take all appropriate measures within their au-
22 thority to carry out the provisions of this section.

1 **SEC. 702. REPORT ON THE IMPACT OF CRYPTOCURREN-**
 2 **CIES ON UNITED STATES SANCTIONS.**

3 (a) **DEFINED TERM.**—In this section, the term “ap-
 4 propriate congressional committees” means—

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

7 (2) the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
 8 Urban Affairs of the Senate;

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

11 (4) the Committee on Financial Services of the
 12 House of Representatives.

13 (b) **REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**—Not later than 180
 14 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
 15 retary of State, after consultation with the Secretary of
 16 the Treasury, the Chairman of the Securities and Ex-
 17 change Commission, and the Chairman of the Commodity
 18 Futures Trading Commission, shall submit a report to the
 19 appropriate congressional committees that provides an as-
 20 sessment on how digital currencies affect the effectiveness
 21 of United States sanctions around the world.

22 (c) **ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS.**—The report submitted
 23 under subsection (b) shall—

24 (1) describe any global efforts, including efforts
 25 by states, state-sponsored actors, and non-state-
 26 sponsored actors, to utilize digital currencies to

evade or circumvent United States sanctions, including through the direct or indirect use of products or services of United States based technology, software, or financial services firms; and

(2) include recommendations for new legislative and regulatory measures needed to strengthen the United States Government's ability to prevent states, state-sponsored actors, and non-state-sponsored actors from using digital currencies to evade or circumvent United States sanctions, including through the direct or indirect use of products or services of United States based technology, software, or financial services firms.

(d) FORM.—The report submitted under subsection (b) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

TITLE VIII—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SEC. 801. CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFINGS.

(a) HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE; SANCTIONED COORDINATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 15 days after any congressional committee listed under paragraph (2) requests a briefing regarding the implementation of section 201, 202, 203, or 601, the Secretary of

1 State and the Administrator of the United States
 2 Agency for International Development shall provide
 3 such briefing to such committee.

4 ~~(2) CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The com-~~
 5 ~~mittees listed under this paragraph are—~~

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

8 ~~(B) the Committee on Appropriations of~~
 9 ~~the Senate;~~

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

12 ~~(D) the Committee on Appropriations of~~
 13 ~~the House of Representatives.~~

14 ~~(b) UNITED NATIONS; NEGOTIATED SOLUTION;~~
 15 ~~CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY.—~~

16 ~~(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 15 days after~~
 17 ~~any congressional committee listed under paragraph~~
 18 ~~(2) requests a briefing regarding the implementation~~
 19 ~~of section 103, 204, or 403, the Secretary of State~~
 20 ~~shall provide such briefing to such committee.~~

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

24 ~~(A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of~~
 25 ~~the Senate; and~~

1 ~~(B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of~~
 2 ~~the House of Representatives.~~

3 ~~(c) REGIME COHESION; CORRUPTION AND NAR-~~
 4 ~~COTICS TRAFFICKING; FOREIGN GOVERNMENT ACTIVI-~~
 5 ~~TIES.—~~

6 ~~(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 15 days after~~
 7 ~~a congressional committee listed under paragraph~~
 8 ~~(2) requests a briefing regarding the implementation~~
 9 ~~of section 301, 602, or 610, the Secretary of State~~
 10 ~~and the Director of National Intelligence shall pro-~~
 11 ~~vide such briefing to such committee.~~

12 ~~(2) CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The con-~~
 13 ~~gressional committees listed under this paragraph~~
 14 ~~are—~~

15 ~~(A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of~~
 16 ~~the Senate;~~

17 ~~(B) the Select Committee on Intelligence~~
 18 ~~of the Senate;~~

19 ~~(C) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of~~
 20 ~~the House of Representatives; and~~

21 ~~(D) the Permanent Select Committee on~~
 22 ~~Intelligence of the House of Representatives.~~

23 ~~(d) INTERNATIONAL ELECTION OBSERVATION.—Not~~
 24 ~~later than 15 days after a congressional committee listed~~
 25 ~~under subsection (a)(2) requests a briefing regarding the~~

1 implementation of section 405, the Secretary of State, the
 2 Administrator of the United States Agency for Inter-
 3 national Development, and the United States Ambassador
 4 to the Organization of American States shall provide such
 5 briefing to such committee.

6 (c) ~~VISA RESTRICTIONS; SANCTIONS WAIVER.~~—Not
 7 later than 15 days after a congressional committee listed
 8 under subsection (b)(2) requests a briefing regarding the
 9 implementation of section 302 or 303, the Secretary of
 10 State shall provide such briefing to such committee.

11 (f) ~~RECONSTRUCTION OF VENEZUELA'S ENERGY IN-~~
 12 ~~FRASTRUCTURE.~~—

13 (1) ~~IN GENERAL.~~—Not later than 15 days after
 14 a congressional committee listed under paragraph
 15 (2) requests a briefing regarding the implementation
 16 of section 501, the Secretary of State, the Secretary
 17 of Energy, and the Secretary of the Treasury shall
 18 provide such briefing to such committee.

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

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

24 (B) the Committee on Energy and Natural
 25 Resources of the Senate;

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

3 (D) the Committee on Energy and Com-
4 merce of the House of Representatives.

5 (g) RECOVERY OF STOLEN ASSETS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 15 days after
7 a congressional committee listed under paragraph
8 (2) requests a briefing regarding the implementation
9 of section 502, the Secretary of State, the Secretary
10 of the Treasury, and the Attorney General shall pro-
11 vide such briefing to such committee.

12 (2) CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The con-
13 gressional committees listed under this paragraph
14 are—

15 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
16 the Senate;

17 (B) the Committee on Banking, Housing,
18 and Urban Affairs of the Senate;

19 (C) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
20 Senate;

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

23 (E) the Committee on Financial Services
24 of the House of Representatives; and

1 (F) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
2 House of Representatives.

3 (h) ~~FINANCIAL SANCTIONS.—~~

4 (1) ~~IN GENERAL.—~~Not later than 15 days after
5 a congressional committee listed under paragraph
6 (2) requests a briefing regarding the implementation
7 of section 605, 606, or 608, the Secretary of the
8 Treasury shall provide such briefing to such com-
9 mittee.

10 (2) ~~CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—~~The con-
11 gressional committees listed under this paragraph
12 are—

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 (i) ~~KINGPIN SANCTIONS.—~~Not later than 15 days
22 after a congressional committee listed under subsection
23 (h)(2) requests a briefing regarding the implementation
24 of section 607, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney
25 General, the Secretary of State, and the Director of the

1 Central Intelligence Agency shall provide such briefing to
 2 such committee.

3 ~~(j) PDVSA TRANSACTIONS WITH ROSNEFT.—~~

4 ~~(1) IN GENERAL.—~~Not later than 15 days after
 5 a congressional committee listed under paragraph
 6 ~~(2)~~ requests a briefing regarding the implementation
 7 of section 609, the Secretary of State, the Secretary
 8 of the Treasury, and the Secretary of Homeland Se-
 9 curity shall provide such briefing to such committee.

10 ~~(2) CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—~~The con-
 11 gressional committees listed under this paragraph
 12 are—

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

15 ~~(B) the Committee on Homeland Security~~
 16 ~~and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;~~

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

19 ~~(D) the Committee on Homeland Security~~
 20 ~~of the House of Representatives.~~

21 ~~(k) CRYPTOCURRENCY SANCTIONS.—~~Not later than
 22 15 days after a congressional committee listed under sub-
 23 section (h)(2) requests a briefing regarding the implemen-
 24 tation of section 701 or 702, the Secretary of State, the
 25 Secretary of the Treasury, and the Chairman of the Com-

1 modify Futures Trading Commission shall provide such
 2 briefing to such committee.

3 **SEC. 802. EXTENSION AND TERMINATION OF SANCTIONS**
 4 **AGAINST VENEZUELA.**

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

10 (b) TERMINATION.—The requirement to impose sanc-
 11 tions under this Act shall terminate on December 31,
 12 2025.

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

14 (a) SHORT TITLES.—*This Act may be cited as the*
 15 *“Venezuela Emergency Relief, Democracy Assistance, and*
 16 *Development Act of 2019” or the “VERDAD Act of 2019”.*

17 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—*The table of contents for*
 18 *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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1 ***TITLE I—SUPPORT FOR THE IN-***
 2 ***TERIM PRESIDENT OF VEN-***
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 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 findings:*

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

13 *(2) Given the fraudulent nature of Venezuela’s*
 14 *May 20, 2018 electoral event, Nicolás Maduro’s tenure*
 15 *as President of Venezuela ended on January 10, 2019.*

16 *(3) The National Assembly of Venezuela ap-*
 17 *proved a resolution on January 15, 2019 that termi-*
 18 *nated Nicolás Maduro’s authority as the President of*
 19 *Venezuela.*

20 *(4) On January 23, 2019, the President of the*
 21 *National Assembly of Venezuela was sworn in as the*
 22 *Interim President of Venezuela.*

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

1 (1) *to support the decisions by the United States*
 2 *Government, more than 50 governments around the*
 3 *world, the Organization of American States, the*
 4 *Inter-American Development Bank, and the Euro-*
 5 *pean Parliament to recognize National Assembly*
 6 *President Juan Guaidó as the Interim President of*
 7 *Venezuela;*

8 (2) *to encourage the Interim President of Ven-*
 9 *ezuela to advance efforts to hold democratic presi-*
 10 *dential elections in the shortest possible period; and*

11 (3) *that the Organization of American States,*
 12 *with support from the United States Government and*
 13 *partner governments, should provide diplomatic, tech-*
 14 *nical, and financial support for a new presidential*
 15 *election in Venezuela that complies with international*
 16 *standards for a free, fair, and transparent electoral*
 17 *process.*

18 **SEC. 102. RECOGNITION OF VENEZUELA'S DEMOCRAT-**
 19 **ICALLY ELECTED NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.**

20 (a) *FINDINGS.*—Congress finds that Venezuela's uni-
 21 cameral National Assembly convened on January 6, 2016,
 22 following democratic elections that were held on December
 23 6, 2015.

24 (b) *SENSE OF CONGRESS.*—It is the sense of Congress
 25 that Venezuela's democratically elected National Assembly

1 *is the only national level democratic institution remaining*
 2 *in the country.*

3 (c) *POLICY.—It is the policy of the United States to*
 4 *recognize the democratically elected National Assembly of*
 5 *Venezuela as the only legitimate national legislative body*
 6 *in Venezuela.*

7 (d) *ASSISTANCE TO VENEZUELA’S NATIONAL ASSEM-*
 8 *BLY.—The Secretary of State, in coordination with the Ad-*
 9 *ministrators of the United States Agency for International*
 10 *Development, shall prioritize efforts to provide technical as-*
 11 *sistance to support the democratically elected National As-*
 12 *sembly of Venezuela in accordance with section 404.*

13 **SEC. 103. ADVANCING A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION TO VEN-**
 14 **EZUELA’S CRISIS.**

15 (a) *SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress*
 16 *that—*

17 (1) *direct, credible negotiations led by the In-*
 18 *terim President of Venezuela and members of Ven-*
 19 *ezuela’s democratically elected National Assembly—*

20 (A) *are supported by stakeholders in the*
 21 *international community that have recognized*
 22 *the Interim President of Venezuela;*

23 (B) *include the input and interests of Ven-*
 24 *ezuelan civil society; and*

1 (C) represent the best opportunity to reach
 2 a solution to the Venezuelan crisis that in-
 3 cludes—

4 (i) holding a new presidential election
 5 that complies with international standards
 6 for a free, fair, and transparent electoral
 7 process;

8 (ii) ending Nicolás Maduro’s usurpa-
 9 tion of presidential authorities;

10 (iii) restoring democracy and the rule
 11 of law;

12 (iv) freeing political prisoners; and

13 (v) facilitating the delivery of humani-
 14 tarian aid;

15 (2) dialogue between the Maduro regime and rep-
 16 resentatives of the political opposition that com-
 17 menced in October 2017, and were supported by the
 18 Governments of Mexico, of Chile, of Bolivia, and of
 19 Nicaragua, did not result in an agreement because the
 20 Maduro regime failed to credibly participate in the
 21 process; and

22 (3) negotiations between the Maduro regime and
 23 representatives of the political opposition that com-
 24 menced in October 2016, and were supported by the
 25 Vatican, did not result in an agreement because the

1 *Maduro regime failed to credibly participate in the*
 2 *process.*

3 *(b) POLICY.—It is the policy of the United States to*
 4 *support diplomatic engagement in order to advance a nego-*
 5 *tiated and peaceful solution to Venezuela’s political, eco-*
 6 *nomic, and humanitarian crisis that is described in sub-*
 7 *section (a)(1).*

8 ***TITLE II—HUMANITARIAN***
 9 ***RELIEF FOR VENEZUELA***

10 ***SEC. 201. HUMANITARIAN RELIEF FOR THE VENEZUELAN***
 11 ***PEOPLE.***

12 *(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress*
 13 *that—*

14 *(1) the United States Government should expand*
 15 *efforts to peacefully address Venezuela’s humanitarian*
 16 *crisis; and*

17 *(2) humanitarian assistance—*

18 *(A) should be targeted toward those most in*
 19 *need and delivered through partners that uphold*
 20 *internationally recognized humanitarian prin-*
 21 *ciples; and*

22 *(B) should not be passed through the control*
 23 *or distribution mechanisms of the Maduro re-*
 24 *gime.*

25 *(b) HUMANITARIAN RELIEF.—*

1 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary of State, in co-*
2 *ordination with the Administrator of the United*
3 *States Agency for International Development, shall*
4 *provide—*

5 (A) *humanitarian assistance to individuals*
6 *and communities in Venezuela, including—*

7 (i) *public health commodities and serv-*
8 *ices, including medicines and basic medical*
9 *supplies and equipment;*

10 (ii) *basic food commodities and nutri-*
11 *tional supplements needed to address grow-*
12 *ing malnutrition and improve food security*
13 *for the people of Venezuela, with a specific*
14 *emphasis on the most vulnerable popu-*
15 *lations; and*

16 (iii) *technical assistance to ensure that*
17 *health and food commodities are appro-*
18 *priately selected, procured, targeted, and*
19 *distributed; and*

20 (B) *Venezuelans and hosting communities,*
21 *as appropriate, in neighboring countries with*
22 *humanitarian aid, such as—*

23 (i) *urgently needed health and nutri-*
24 *tional assistance, including logistical and*

1 *technical assistance to hospitals and health*
 2 *centers in affected communities;*

3 (ii) *food assistance for vulnerable indi-*
 4 *viduals, including assistance to improve*
 5 *food security for affected communities; and*

6 (iii) *hygiene supplies and sanitation*
 7 *services.*

8 (2) *AID TO VENEZUELAN IN NEIGHBORING*
 9 *COUNTRIES.—The aid described in paragraph*
 10 *(1)(B)—*

11 *(A) may be provided—*

12 (i) *directly to Venezuelans in neigh-*
 13 *boring countries, including countries of the*
 14 *Caribbean; or*

15 (ii) *indirectly through the communities*
 16 *in which the Venezuelans reside; and*

17 (B) *should focus on the most vulnerable*
 18 *Venezuelans in neighboring countries.*

19 (c) *HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE STRATEGY UP-*
 20 *DATE.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-*
 21 *ment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in coordination*
 22 *with the Administrator of the United States Agency for*
 23 *International Development, shall submit, to the appropriate*
 24 *congressional committees, an update to the Venezuela hu-*
 25 *manitarian assistance strategy described in the conference*

1 *report accompanying the Consolidated Appropriations Act*
 2 *(Public Law 116–6), to cover a 2-year period and include—*

3 *(1) a description of the United States humani-*
 4 *tarian assistance provided under this section;*

5 *(2) a description of United States diplomatic ef-*
 6 *forts to ensure support from international donors, in-*
 7 *cluding regional partners in Latin America and the*
 8 *Caribbean, for the provision of humanitarian assist-*
 9 *ance to the people of Venezuela;*

10 *(3) the identification of governments that are*
 11 *willing to provide financial and technical assistance*
 12 *for the provision of such humanitarian assistance to*
 13 *the people of Venezuela and a description of such as-*
 14 *sistance; and*

15 *(4) the identification of the financial and tech-*
 16 *nical assistance to be provided by multilateral insti-*
 17 *tutions, including the United Nations humanitarian*
 18 *agencies, the Pan American Health Organization, the*
 19 *Inter-American Development Bank, and the World*
 20 *Bank, and a description of such assistance.*

21 *(d) DIPLOMATIC ENGAGEMENT.—The Secretary of*
 22 *State, in consultation with the Administrator of the United*
 23 *States Agency for International Development, shall work*
 24 *with relevant foreign governments and multilateral organi-*
 25 *zations to coordinate a donors summit and carry out diplo-*

1 *matic engagement to advance the strategy required under*
 2 *subsection (c).*

3 *(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is*
 4 *authorized to be appropriated \$400,000,000 for fiscal year*
 5 *2020 to carry out the activities set forth in subsection (b).*

6 *(f) DEFINED TERM.—In this section, the term “appro-*
 7 *priate congressional committees” means—*

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

10 *(2) the Committee on Appropriations of the Sen-*
 11 *ate;*

12 *(3) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the*
 13 *House of Representatives; and*

14 *(4) the Committee on Appropriations of the*
 15 *House of Representatives.*

16 **SEC. 202. SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS AT THE UNITED NATIONS**
 17 **ON THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN VEN-**
 18 **EZUELA.**

19 *(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress*
 20 *that the United Nations humanitarian agencies should con-*
 21 *duct and publish independent assessments of the humani-*
 22 *tarian situation in Venezuela, including—*

23 *(1) the extent and impact of the shortages of*
 24 *food, medicine, and medical supplies in Venezuela;*

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

4 (3) *the efforts needed to resolve the shortages*
 5 *identified in paragraph (1) and to improve the health*
 6 *indicators referred to in paragraph (2).*

7 (b) *UNITED NATIONS RESIDENT COORDINATOR.—The*
 8 *President should instruct the Permanent Representative to*
 9 *the United Nations to use the voice, vote, and influence of*
 10 *the United States at the United Nations to support the ef-*
 11 *forts of the Resident Coordinator for Venezuela in a manner*
 12 *that—*

13 (1) *contributes to Venezuela’s long-term recovery;*
 14 *and*

15 (2) *advances humanitarian efforts in Venezuela*
 16 *and for Venezuelans residing in neighboring coun-*
 17 *tries.*

18 **SEC. 203. SANCTIONS EXCEPTIONS FOR HUMANITARIAN AS-**
 19 **SISTANCE.**

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

21 (1) *AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY.—The term “ag-*
 22 *ricultural commodity” has the meaning given that*
 23 *term in section 102 of the Agricultural Trade Act of*
 24 *1978 (7 U.S.C. 5602).*

1 (2) *MEDICAL DEVICE*.—The term “medical de-
 2 vice” has the meaning given the term “device” in sec-
 3 tion 201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act
 4 (21 U.S.C. 321).

5 (3) *MEDICINE*.—The term “medicine” has the
 6 meaning given the term “drug” in section 201 of the
 7 Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.
 8 321).

9 (b) *IN GENERAL*.—Any transaction, not otherwise pro-
 10 hibited by under part V of title 31, Code of Federal Regula-
 11 tions, or any Executive order relating to the national emer-
 12 gency declared in Executive Order 13692 (50 U.S.C. 1701
 13 note), for the sale of agricultural commodities, food, medi-
 14 cine, or medical devices to Venezuela, or for the provision
 15 of humanitarian assistance to the people of Venezuela, and
 16 any transaction that is ordinarily incidental or necessary
 17 to any such transaction, regardless of whether the trans-
 18 action or provision of humanitarian assistance originate
 19 in, or have a connection to, the United States, shall be ex-
 20 empt from United States sanctions, including sanctions de-
 21 scribed in—

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

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

25 (3) Executive Orders 13808 and 13850.

1 **SEC. 204. COORDINATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF HUMANI-**
 2 **TARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF VEN-**
 3 **EZUELA.**

4 (a) *SHORT TITLE.*—*This section may be cited as the*
 5 *“Humanitarian Assistance to the Venezuelan People Act of*
 6 *2019”.*

7 (b) *DEFINED TERM.*—*In this section, the term “appro-*
 8 *priate congressional committees” means—*

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

11 (2) *the Committee on Appropriations of the Sen-*
 12 *ate;*

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

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

17 (c) *REPORT ON THE COORDINATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF*
 18 *VENEZUELA INCLUDING STRATEGY ON FUTURE EF-*
 19 *FORTS.*—

21 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 1 year after*
 22 *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of*
 23 *State, in coordination with the Administrator of the*
 24 *United States Agency for International Development,*
 25 *shall submit a report to the appropriate congressional*
 26 *committees that evaluates the delivery and coordina-*

1 *tion of humanitarian assistance to the people of Ven-*
2 *ezuela, whether residing in Venezuela or elsewhere in*
3 *the Western Hemisphere.*

4 (2) *MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.*—*The report re-*
5 *quired under paragraph (1) shall—*

6 (A) *identify how United States Agency for*
7 *International Development and Department of*
8 *State best practices are being utilized in pro-*
9 *viding humanitarian assistance to Venezuela*
10 *and countries in the region;*

11 (B) *describe the current and anticipated*
12 *challenges to distributing humanitarian assist-*
13 *ance in Venezuela and countries hosting Ven-*
14 *ezuelan migrants; and*

15 (C) *describe how the distribution of human-*
16 *itarian assistance is being monitored and evalu-*
17 *ated, including—*

18 (i) *the number of beneficiaries receiv-*
19 *ing such assistance;*

20 (ii) *an assessment of how humani-*
21 *tarian and development assistance is bene-*
22 *fitting Venezuelan migrants inside and out-*
23 *side of the country; and*

24 (iii) *what additional staff may be nec-*
25 *essary to manage such assistance.*

1 ***TITLE III—ADDRESSING REGIME***
 2 ***COHESION***

3 ***SEC. 301. CLASSIFIED REPORT ON DECLINING COHESION***
 4 ***INSIDE THE VENEZUELAN MILITARY AND THE***
 5 ***MADURO REGIME.***

6 (a) *REPORTING REQUIREMENT.*—Not later than 90
 7 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
 8 retary of State, acting through the Bureau of Intelligence
 9 and Research, and in coordination with the Director of Na-
 10 tional Intelligence, shall submit a classified report to the
 11 appropriate congressional committees that assesses the de-
 12 clining cohesion inside the Venezuelan military and secu-
 13 rity forces and the Maduro regime.

14 (b) *ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS.*—The report submitted
 15 under subsection (a) shall—

16 (1) *identify senior members of the Venezuelan*
 17 *military and the Maduro regime, including generals,*
 18 *admirals, cabinet ministers, deputy cabinet ministers,*
 19 *and the heads of intelligence agencies, whose loyalty*
 20 *to Nicolás Maduro is declining;*

21 (2) *describe the factors that would accelerate the*
 22 *decision making of individuals identified in para-*
 23 *graph (1)—*

24 (A) *to break with the Maduro regime; and*

1 (B) to recognize the Interim President of
2 Venezuela and his government; and

3 (3) assess and detail the massive number of de-
4 sertions and defections that have occurred at the offi-
5 cer and enlisted levels inside the Venezuelan military
6 and security forces.

7 (c) *BRIEFING REQUIREMENT*.—Not later than 30 days
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
9 of State, acting through the Bureau of Intelligence and Re-
10 search, and in coordination with the Director of National
11 Intelligence, shall provide a classified briefing to appro-
12 priate congressional committees on the subject matter de-
13 scribed in subsections (a) and (b).

14 (d) *APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES*.—In
15 this section, the term “appropriate congressional commit-
16 tees” means—

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

19 (2) the Select Committee on Intelligence of the
20 Senate;

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

23 (4) the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-
24 ligence of the House of Representatives.

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

2 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary of State shall impose*
 3 *the visa restrictions described in subsection (c) on any for-*
 4 *ign person who the Secretary determines—*

5 (1) *is a current or former senior official of the*
 6 *Maduro regime, or any foreign person acting on be-*
 7 *half of such regime, who is knowingly responsible for,*
 8 *complicit in, responsible for ordering, controlling, or*
 9 *otherwise directing, or participating in (directly or*
 10 *indirectly) any activity in or in relation to Ven-*
 11 *ezuela, on or after January 23, 2019, that signifi-*
 12 *cantly undermines or threatens the integrity of—*

13 (A) *the democratically-elected National As-*
 14 *sembly of Venezuela; or*

15 (B) *the President of such National Assem-*
 16 *bly, while serving as Interim President of Ven-*
 17 *ezuela, or the senior government officials under*
 18 *the supervision of such President;*

19 (2) *is the spouse or child of a foreign person de-*
 20 *scribed in paragraph (1); or*

21 (3) *is the spouse or child of Venezuelan person*
 22 *sanctioned under—*

23 (A) *section 5(a) of the Venezuela Defense of*
 24 *Human Rights and Civil Society Act of 2014*
 25 *(Public Law 113–278), as amended by section*
 26 *603 of this Act;*

1 (B) *section 804(b) of the Foreign Narcotics*
 2 *Kingpin Designation Act (21 U.S.C. 1903(b)); or*
 3 (C) *Executive Orders 13692 (50 U.S.C.*
 4 *1701 note) and 13850.*

5 (b) *REMOVAL FROM VISA REVOCATION LIST.—Pursu-*
 6 *ant to such procedures as the Secretary of State may estab-*
 7 *lish to implement this section—*

8 (1) *if any person described in subsection (a)(1)*
 9 *recognizes and pledges support for the Interim Presi-*
 10 *dent of Venezuela or a subsequent democratically*
 11 *elected government of Venezuela, that person and any*
 12 *family members of that person who were subject to*
 13 *visa restrictions pursuant to subsection (a)(2) shall*
 14 *no longer be subject to such visa restrictions; and*

15 (2) *if any person described in subparagraphs (A)*
 16 *through (C) of subsection (a)(3) recognizes and*
 17 *pledges support for the Interim President of Venezuela*
 18 *or a subsequent democratically elected government of*
 19 *Venezuela, any family members of that person who*
 20 *were subject to visa restrictions pursuant to sub-*
 21 *section (a)(3) shall no longer be subject to such visa*
 22 *restrictions.*

23 (c) *VISA RESTRICTIONS DESCRIBED.—*

24 (1) *EXCLUSION FROM THE UNITED STATES AND*
 25 *REVOCATION OF VISA OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION.—*

1 *Subject to paragraph (2) and subsection (b), an alien*
 2 *described in subsection (a)—*

3 *(A) is inadmissible to the United States;*

4 *(B) is ineligible to receive a visa or other*
 5 *documentation authorizing entry into the United*
 6 *States;*

7 *(C) is otherwise ineligible to be admitted*
 8 *into the United States or to receive any benefit*
 9 *under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8*
 10 *U.S.C. 1101 et seq.); and*

11 *(D) shall, in accordance with section 221(i)*
 12 *of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8*
 13 *U.S.C. 1201(i), have his or her visa or other doc-*
 14 *umentation revoked, regardless of when the visa*
 15 *or other documentation was issued.*

16 (2) *EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH UNITED NA-*
 17 *TIONS HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT.—Sanctions*
 18 *under paragraph (1) shall not apply to an alien if*
 19 *admitting the alien into the United States is nec-*
 20 *essary to permit the United States to comply with the*
 21 *Agreement regarding the Headquarters of the United*
 22 *Nations, signed at Lake Success June 26, 1947, and*
 23 *entered into force November 21, 1947, between the*
 24 *United Nations and the United States, or other appli-*
 25 *cable international obligations.*

1 (d) *RULEMAKING.*—*The President shall issue such reg-*
 2 *ulations, licenses, and orders as may be necessary to carry*
 3 *out this section.*

4 **SEC. 303. WAIVER FOR SANCTIONED OFFICIALS THAT REC-**
 5 **OGNIZE THE INTERIM PRESIDENT OF VEN-**
 6 **EZUELA.**

7 (a) *REMOVAL OF SANCTIONS.*—*If a person sanctioned*
 8 *under any of the provisions of law described in subsection*
 9 *(b) recognizes and pledges supports for the Interim Presi-*
 10 *dent of Venezuela or a subsequent democratically elected*
 11 *government, the person shall no longer be subject to such*
 12 *sanctions, pursuant to such procedures as the Secretary of*
 13 *State and the Secretary of the Treasury may establish to*
 14 *implement this section.*

15 (b) *SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.*—*The sanctions described*
 16 *in this subsection are set forth in the following provisions*
 17 *of law:*

18 (1)(A) *Paragraphs (3) and (4) of section 5(a) of*
 19 *the Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil So-*
 20 *cietty Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–278), as amended*
 21 *by section 603 of this Act.*

22 (B) *Paragraph (5) of section 5(a) of such Act, to*
 23 *the extent such paragraph relates to the sanctions de-*
 24 *scribed in paragraph (3) or (4) of such subsection.*

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

3 (B) *Subparagraph (D)(2) of section 1(a)(ii) of*
 4 *such Executive Order, to the extent such subpara-*
 5 *graph relates to the provisions of law cited in sub-*
 6 *paragraph (A).*

7 (3)(A) *Section 1(a)(ii) of Executive Order 13850.*

8 (B) *Paragraph (iii) of section 1(a) of such Exec-*
 9 *utive Order, to the extent such paragraph relates to*
 10 *the provision of law cited in subparagraph (A).*

11 (c) *RULEMAKING.—The President shall issue such reg-*
 12 *ulations, licenses, and orders as may be necessary to carry*
 13 *out this section.*

14 ***TITLE IV—RESTORING DEMOC-***
 15 ***RACY AND ADDRESSING THE***
 16 ***POLITICAL CRISIS IN VEN-***
 17 ***EZUELA***

18 ***SEC. 401. SUPPORT FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN***
 19 ***STATES AND THE LIMA GROUP.***

20 (a) *SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress*
 21 *that the Secretary of State should—*

22 (1) *take additional steps to support ongoing ef-*
 23 *forts by the Secretary General of the Organization of*
 24 *American States to promote diplomatic initiatives to*

1 *foster the restoration of democracy and the rule of law*
 2 *in Venezuela;*

3 *(2) conduct diplomatic engagement in support of*
 4 *efforts by the Lima Group to restore democracy and*
 5 *the rule of law in Venezuela and facilitate the deliv-*
 6 *ery of humanitarian assistance for the Venezuelan*
 7 *people; and*

8 *(3) engage with the International Contact Group*
 9 *on Venezuela to advance a peaceful and democratic*
 10 *solution to the current crisis.*

11 *(b) DEFINED TERMS.—In this section:*

12 *(1) INTERNATIONAL CONTACT GROUP ON VEN-*
 13 *EZUELA.—The “International Contact Group on Ven-*
 14 *ezuela” refers to a diplomatic bloc—*

15 *(A) whose members include the European*
 16 *Union, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Por-*
 17 *tugal, Sweden, the Netherlands, the United King-*
 18 *dom, Ecuador, Costa Rica, and Uruguay; and*

19 *(B) which was established to advance a*
 20 *peaceful and democratic solution to the current*
 21 *crisis in Venezuela.*

22 *(2) LIMA GROUP.—The “Lima Group” refers to*
 23 *a diplomatic bloc—*

24 *(A) whose members include Argentina,*
 25 *Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica,*

1 *Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Panama, Para-*
 2 *guay, Peru, and Saint Lucia; and*

3 *(B) which was established to address the po-*
 4 *litical, economic, and humanitarian crises in*
 5 *Venezuela.*

6 **SEC. 402. ACCOUNTABILITY FOR CRIMES AGAINST HUMAN-**
 7 **ITY.**

8 *(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress*
 9 *that the Secretary of State should conduct robust diplomatic*
 10 *engagement in support of efforts in Venezuela, and on the*
 11 *part of the international community, to ensure account-*
 12 *ability for possible crimes against humanity and serious*
 13 *violations of human rights.*

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

17 *(1) evaluates the degree to which the Maduro re-*
 18 *gime and its officials, including members of the Ven-*
 19 *ezuelan security forces, have engaged in actions that*
 20 *constitute possible crimes against humanity and seri-*
 21 *ous violations of human rights; and*

22 *(2) provides options for holding accountable the*
 23 *perpetrators identified under paragraph (1).*

1 **SEC. 403. SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL ELECTION OBSER-**
2 **VATION AND DEMOCRATIC CIVIL SOCIETY.**

3 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary of State, in coordi-*
4 *nation with the Administrator of the United States Agency*
5 *for International Development—*

6 (1) *shall work with the Organization of Amer-*
7 *ican States to ensure credible international observa-*
8 *tion of future elections in Venezuela that contributes*
9 *to free, fair, and transparent democratic electoral*
10 *processes; and*

11 (2) *shall work with nongovernmental organiza-*
12 *tions—*

13 (A) *to strengthen democratic governance*
14 *and institutions, including the democratically*
15 *elected National Assembly of Venezuela;*

16 (B) *to defend internationally recognized*
17 *human rights for the people of Venezuela, includ-*
18 *ing support for efforts to document crimes*
19 *against humanity and violations of human*
20 *rights;*

21 (C) *to support the efforts of independent*
22 *media outlets to broadcast, distribute, and share*
23 *information beyond the limited channels made*
24 *available by the Maduro regime; and*

1 (D) to combat corruption and improve the
 2 transparency and accountability of institutions
 3 that are part of the Maduro regime.

4 (b) *ENGAGEMENT AT THE ORGANIZATION OF AMER-*
 5 *ICAN STATES.*—The Secretary of State, acting through the
 6 United States Permanent Representative to the Organiza-
 7 tion of American States, should advocate and build diplo-
 8 matic support for sending an election observation mission
 9 to Venezuela to ensure that democratic electoral processes
 10 are organized and carried out in a free, fair, and trans-
 11 parent manner.

12 (c) *BRIEFING REQUIREMENT.*—Not later than 180
 13 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
 14 retary of State, in coordination with the Administrator of
 15 the United States Agency for International Development,
 16 shall provide a briefing on the strategy to carry out the
 17 activities described in subsection (a) to—

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

20 (2) the Committee on Appropriations of the Sen-
 21 ate;

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

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

1 (d) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—

2 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*There are authorized to be ap-*
 3 *propriated to the Secretary of State for fiscal year*
 4 *2020, \$17,500,000 to carry out the activities set forth*
 5 *in subsection (a).*

6 (2) *NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.*—*Amounts*
 7 *appropriated pursuant to paragraph (1) are subject*
 8 *to the notification requirements applicable to expendi-*
 9 *tures from the Economic Support Fund under section*
 10 *531(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22*
 11 *U.S.C. 2346(c)) and from the Development Assistance*
 12 *Fund under section 653(a) of the Foreign Assistance*
 13 *Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2413(a)), to the extent that*
 14 *such funds are expended.*

15 ***TITLE V—SUPPORTING THE RE-***
 16 ***CONSTRUCTION OF VEN-***
 17 ***EZUELA***

18 ***SEC. 501. ENGAGING INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITU-***
 19 ***TIONS TO ADVANCE THE RECONSTRUCTION***
 20 ***OF VENEZUELA’S ECONOMY AND ENERGY IN-***
 21 ***FRASTRUCTURE.***

22 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The President shall engage the*
 23 *International Monetary Fund and the Multilateral Devel-*
 24 *opment Banks to support a framework for the economic re-*

1 *construction of Venezuela, contingent upon the restoration*
 2 *of democracy and the rule of law in the country.*

3 *(b) ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS.—The framework created*
 4 *under subsection (a) should include policy proposals—*

5 *(1) to provide Venezuelans with humanitarian*
 6 *assistance, poverty alleviation, and a social safety*
 7 *net;*

8 *(2) to advance debt restructuring and debt sus-*
 9 *tainability measures;*

10 *(3) to restore the production and efficient man-*
 11 *agement of Venezuela’s oil industry, including re-*
 12 *building energy infrastructure;*

13 *(4) to eliminate price controls and market dis-*
 14 *torting subsidies in the Venezuelan economy; and*

15 *(5) to address hyperinflation in Venezuela.*

16 *(c) CONSULTATION.—In supporting the framework*
 17 *under subsection (a), the President shall consult with rel-*
 18 *evant stakeholders in the humanitarian (including inter-*
 19 *national and nongovernmental organizations), financial,*
 20 *and energy sectors.*

21 *(d) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress*
 22 *that any effort to conduct debt restructuring should—*

23 *(1) include discussions with China, which is*
 24 *Venezuela’s biggest creditor; and*

1 (2) *appropriately account for China’s and Rus-*
 2 *sia’s high-risk lending to Venezuela.*

3 (e) *CERTIFICATION.—The President may not support*
 4 *lending or financing for Venezuela from the International*
 5 *Monetary Fund and the Multilateral Development Banks*
 6 *until the Secretary of State submits a report to the Com-*
 7 *mittee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and Committee*
 8 *on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives certi-*
 9 *fying that any such lending or financing—*

10 (1) *would be managed by the Interim President*
 11 *of Venezuela or a new, democratically-elected Presi-*
 12 *dent;*

13 (2) *would not be used to repay external creditors*
 14 *who are not members of the Group of Seven unless*
 15 *such payments are essential to the restoration of eco-*
 16 *nom ic stability and democracy in Venezuela; and*

17 (3) *would not benefit the Maduro regime.*

18 (f) *WAIVER.—The President may waive the certifi-*
 19 *cation requirement under subsection (e) if the President—*

20 (1) *determines that such waiver is in the na-*
 21 *tional interest of the United States; and*

22 (2) *not later than 30 days after making a deter-*
 23 *mination under paragraph (1), submits to the con-*
 24 *gressional committees referred to in subsection (e)—*

- 1 (A) *an explanation for why such a waiver*
 2 *is in the United States national interest; and*
 3 (B) *why the Secretary of State is unable to*
 4 *submit the certification described in subsection*
 5 *(e).*

6 **SEC. 502. RECOVERING ASSETS STOLEN FROM THE VEN-**
 7 **EZUELAN PEOPLE.**

8 (a) *RECOVERING ASSETS.*—*The Secretary of State, the*
 9 *Secretary of the Treasury, and the Attorney General shall*
 10 *advance a coordinated international effort—*

11 (1) *to carry out special financial investigations*
 12 *to identify and track assets taken from the people and*
 13 *institutions of Venezuela through theft, corruption,*
 14 *money laundering, or other illicit means; and*

15 (2) *to work with foreign governments—*

16 (A) *to share financial investigations intel-*
 17 *ligence, as appropriate;*

18 (B) *to block the assets identified pursuant*
 19 *to paragraph (1); and*

20 (C) *to provide technical assistance to help*
 21 *governments establish the necessary legal frame-*
 22 *work to carry out asset forfeitures.*

23 (b) *ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS.*—*The coordinated inter-*
 24 *national effort described in subsection (a) should include*
 25 *input from—*

1 (1) *the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the*
2 *Department of the Treasury;*

3 (2) *the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network*
4 *of the Department of the Treasury; and*

5 (3) *the Money Laundering and Asset Recovery*
6 *Section of the Department of Justice.*

7 (c) *STRATEGY REQUIREMENT.*—

8 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 180 days after*
9 *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of*
10 *State, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Attorney*
11 *General shall submit a strategy for carrying out the*
12 *activities described in subsection (a) 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 the Judiciary of the*
18 *Senate;*

19 (D) *the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the*
20 *House of Representatives;*

21 (E) *the Committee on Financial Services of*
22 *the House of Representatives; and*

23 (F) *the Committee on the Judiciary of the*
24 *House of Representatives.*

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

3 (A) *An assessment whether the United*
 4 *States or another member of the international*
 5 *community should establish a managed fund to*
 6 *hold the assets identified pursuant to subsection*
 7 *(a)(1) that could be returned to a future demo-*
 8 *cratic government in Venezuela.*

9 (B) *Such recommendations as the Secre-*
 10 *taries and the Attorney General consider appro-*
 11 *priate for legislative or administrative action in*
 12 *the United States that would be needed to estab-*
 13 *lish and manage the fund described in subpara-*
 14 *graph (A).*

15 ***TITLE VI—RESTORING THE RULE*** 16 ***OF LAW IN VENEZUELA***

17 ***SEC. 601. DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING A COORDI-*** 18 ***NATED SANCTIONS STRATEGY WITH PART-*** 19 ***NERS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE AND*** 20 ***THE EUROPEAN UNION.***

21 (a) *STRENGTHENING SANCTIONS CAPACITY IN LATIN*
 22 *AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN.*—*The Secretary of State,*
 23 *in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, shall*
 24 *offer to provide technical assistance to partner governments*
 25 *in Latin America and the Caribbean to assist such govern-*

1 *ments in establishing the legislative and regulatory frame-*
 2 *works needed to impose targeted sanctions on officials of*
 3 *the Maduro regime who—*

4 *(1) are responsible for human rights abuses;*

5 *(2) have engaged in public corruption; or*

6 *(3) are undermining democratic institutions and*
 7 *processes in Venezuela.*

8 *(b) COORDINATING INTERNATIONAL SANCTIONS.—The*
 9 *Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of*
 10 *the Treasury, shall engage in diplomatic efforts with part-*
 11 *ner governments, including the Government of Canada, gov-*
 12 *ernments in the European Union, and governments in*
 13 *Latin America and the Caribbean, to impose targeted sanc-*
 14 *tions on the Maduro regime officials described in subsection*
 15 *(a).*

16 *(c) STRATEGY REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 90 days*
 17 *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary*
 18 *of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury,*
 19 *shall submit a strategy for carrying out the activities de-*
 20 *scribed in subsection (a) to—*

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

23 *(2) the Committee on Appropriations of the Sen-*
 24 *ate;*

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 (d) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—*

6 (1) *IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be ap-*
 7 *propriated to the Secretary of State for fiscal year*
 8 *2020, \$3,000,000 to carry out the activities set forth*
 9 *in subsection (a).*

10 (2) *NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—Amounts*
 11 *appropriated pursuant to paragraph (1) are subject*
 12 *to the notification requirements applicable to expendi-*
 13 *tures from the Economic Support Fund under section*
 14 *531(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22*
 15 *U.S.C. 2346(c)) and the International Narcotics and*
 16 *Law Enforcement Fund under section 489 of the For-*
 17 *foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2291h) to the*
 18 *extent that such funds are expended.*

19 **SEC. 602. CLASSIFIED BRIEFING ON THE INVOLVEMENT OF**
 20 **VENEZUELAN OFFICIALS IN CORRUPTION**
 21 **AND ILLICIT NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING.**

22 (a) *BRIEFING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 90 days*
 23 *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary*
 24 *of State, acting through the Bureau of Intelligence and Re-*
 25 *search, and in coordination with the Director of National*

1 *Intelligence, shall provide a classified briefing to the appro-*
 2 *priate congressional committees on the involvement of sen-*
 3 *ior officials of the Maduro regime, including members of*
 4 *the National Electoral Council, the judicial system, and the*
 5 *Venezuelan security forces, in illicit narcotics trafficking*
 6 *and significant acts of public corruption in Venezuela.*

7 (b) *ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS.—The briefing provided*
 8 *under subsection (a) shall—*

9 (1) *describe how the significant acts of public*
 10 *corruption pose challenges for United States national*
 11 *security and impact the rule of law and democratic*
 12 *governance in countries of the Western Hemisphere;*

13 (2) *identify individuals for whom there is cred-*
 14 *ible information that they frustrated the ability of the*
 15 *United States to combat illicit narcotics trafficking;*

16 (3) *include an assessment of the relationship be-*
 17 *tween individuals identified under subsection (a) and*
 18 *Nicolás Maduro or members of his cabinet; and*

19 (4) *include input from the Drug Enforcement*
 20 *Administration, the Office of Foreign Assets Control,*
 21 *and the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.*

22 (c) *APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—In*
 23 *this section, the term “appropriate congressional commit-*
 24 *tees” means—*

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

3 (2) *the Select Committee on Intelligence of the*
4 *Senate;*

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

7 (4) *the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-*
8 *ligence of the House of Representatives.*

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

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

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

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

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

(4) in paragraph (5), as redesignated, by striking “paragraph (1) or (2)” and inserting “paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (4)”.

17 *SEC. 604. PUBLIC INFORMATION ABOUT SANCTIONED OFFI-*
18 *CIALS.*

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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 and*
 5 *Civil Society Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–278), as*
 6 *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 corruption*
 12 *and illicit financial activities occurring in Venezuela.*

13 (c) *APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.*—*In*
 14 *this section, the term “appropriate congressional commit-*
 15 *tees” 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 for*
 5 *sanctions intended to limit the ability of the Maduro regime*
 6 *to issue public debt.*

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

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

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

14 (3) *UNITED STATES PERSON.*—*The term “United*
 15 *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 any*
 22 *such entity); and*

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

25 (c) *IN GENERAL.*—*The President may prohibit, in the*
 26 *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 Ven-*
5 *ezuela, S.A., on or after the date of the enactment*
6 *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 enact-*
10 *ment 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., on*
23 *or after the date of the enactment of this Act that*
24 *are not described in paragraph (1)(A); and*

5 (3) any transaction that evades or avoids, has
6 the purpose of evading or avoiding, causes a violation
7 of, or attempts to violate a prohibition under para-
8 graph (1) or (2); and

(d) *SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the President should waive the prohibitions described in subsection (c) and in Executive Order 13808 if the related debt instruments, bonds, or securities have been approved or ratified by the democratically elected National Assembly of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.*

(a) *FINDING.—Executive Order 13835 (83 Fed. Reg. 24001), which was signed on May 21, 2018, provided for additional sanctions against transactions involving the existing public debt of the Maduro regime.*

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1 (1) *purchasing any debt owed to the Maduro re-*
 2 *gime, including accounts receivable;*

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

7 (3) *entering into any transaction involving the*
 8 *selling, transferring, assigning, or pledging as collat-*
 9 *eral by the Maduro regime of any equity interest in*
 10 *any entity in which the Maduro regime has a 50 per-*
 11 *cent or greater ownership interest.*

12 (c) *SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress*
 13 *that the President should waive the prohibitions described*
 14 *in subsection (a) and in Executive Order 13835 if trans-*
 15 *actions involving related debt instruments, bonds, or securi-*
 16 *ties have been approved or ratified by the democratically*
 17 *elected National Assembly of Venezuela.*

18 **SEC. 607. EXPANDING KINGPIN SANCTIONS ON NARCOTICS**

19 **TRAFFICKING AND MONEY LAUNDERING.**

20 (a) *FINANCIAL SANCTIONS EXPANSION.—The Sec-*
 21 *retary of the Treasury, the Attorney General, the Secretary*
 22 *of State, the Secretary of Defense, and the Director of the*
 23 *Central Intelligence Agency should expand investigations,*
 24 *intelligence collection, and analysis pursuant to the Foreign*
 25 *Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (21 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.)*

1 *to facilitate the identification and support the application*
2 *of sanctions against—*

3 *(1) significant foreign narcotics traffickers, their*
4 *organizations and networks; and*

5 *(2) the foreign persons who provide material, fi-*
6 *nancial, or technological support to such traffickers,*
7 *organizations, and networks.*

8 *(b) TARGETS.—The efforts described in subsection (a)*
9 *should specifically target—*

10 *(1) senior members of the Maduro regime, in-*
11 *cluding military officers, involved in narcotics traf-*
12 *ficking and money laundering;*

13 *(2) foreign narcotics traffickers and their organi-*
14 *zations and networks that are operating in Venezuela;*
15 *and*

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

20 **SEC. 608. SANCTIONS ON THE MADURO REGIME'S TRADE IN**
21 **GOLD.**

22 *(a) FINDING.—Executive Order 13850, which was*
23 *signed on November 1, 2018, ordered sanctions against the*
24 *gold sector of the Venezuelan economy.*

1 (b) *SANCTIONS AUTHORIZED.*—*The President, in con-*
2 *sultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and the Sec-*
3 *retary of State, may block and prohibit the transfer, pay-*
4 *ment, exportation, withdrawal, or other disposition of all*
5 *property and interests in property of any person that oper-*
6 *ates in the gold sector of the Venezuelan economy if such*
7 *property is in the United States, comes into the United*
8 *States, or is or comes within the possession or control of*
9 *any United States person.*

10 (c) *REPORT.*—*Not later than 30 days after enactment*
11 *of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury shall submit a*
12 *report to the appropriate congressional committees (as de-*
13 *fined in section 612(b)) that—*

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

21 (2) *includes recommendations the Secretary of*
22 *the Treasury considers necessary and appropriate for*
23 *United States legislative or administrative action*
24 *that would be needed to address any findings referred*
25 *to in paragraph (1); and*

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

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

(a) *FINDINGS.*—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) In late 2016, Venezuelan state-owned oil company *Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A.* (referred to in this section as “PDVSA”), through a no compete transaction, secured a loan from Russian government-controlled oil company *Rosneft*, using 49.9 percent of PDVSA’s American subsidiary, *CITGO Petroleum Corporation*, including its assets in the United States, as collateral. As a result of this transaction, 100 percent of *CITGO* is held as collateral by PDVSA’s creditors.

(2) *CITGO*, a wholly owned subsidiary of PDVSA, is engaged in interstate commerce and owns and controls critical energy infrastructure in 19 States of the United States, including an extensive network of pipelines, 48 terminals, and 3 refineries, with a combined oil refining capacity of 749,000 bar-

1 *rels per day. CITGO's refinery in Lake Charles, Lou-*
2 *isiana, is the sixth largest refinery in the United*
3 *States.*

4 *(3) The Department of the Treasury imposed*
5 *sanctions on Rosneft, which is controlled by the Gov-*
6 *ernment of the Russian Federation, and its Executive*
7 *Chairman, Igor Sechin, following Russia's military*
8 *invasion of Ukraine and its illegal annexation of Cri-*
9 *mea in 2014.*

10 *(4) The Department of Homeland Security has*
11 *designated the energy sector as critical to United*
12 *States infrastructure.*

13 *(5) The growing economic crisis in Venezuela*
14 *raises the probability that the Maduro regime and*
15 *PDVSA will default on their international debt obli-*
16 *gations, resulting in a scenario in which Rosneft*
17 *could come into control of CITGO's United States en-*
18 *ergy infrastructure holdings.*

19 *(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress*
20 *that—*

21 *(1) control of critical United States energy infra-*
22 *structure by Rosneft, a Russian government-controlled*
23 *entity currently under United States sanctions that is*
24 *led by Igor Sechin, who is also under United States*
25 *sanctions and is a close associate of Vladimir Putin,*

1 *would pose a significant risk to United States na-*
 2 *tional security and energy security; and*

3 *(2) a default by PDVSA on its loan from*
 4 *Rosneft, resulting in Rosneft coming into possession*
 5 *of PDVSA's United States CITGO assets, would war-*
 6 *rant careful consideration by the Committee on For-*
 7 *oreign Investment in the United States.*

8 *(c) PREVENTING ROSNEFT FROM CONTROLLING*
 9 *UNITED STATES ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE.—The Presi-*
 10 *dent shall take all necessary steps to prevent Rosneft from*
 11 *gaining control of critical United States energy infrastruc-*
 12 *ture.*

13 *(d) SECURITY RISK BRIEFING.—Not later than 90*
 14 *days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-*
 15 *retary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of the*
 16 *Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State and*
 17 *the Secretary of Energy, shall provide a briefing on the se-*
 18 *curity risks posed by Russian control of CITGO's United*
 19 *States energy infrastructure holdings to—*

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

22 *(2) the Committee on Homeland Security and*
 23 *Governmental Affairs of the Senate;*

24 *(3) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the*
 25 *House of Representatives; and*

1 (4) *the Committee on Homeland Security of the*
 2 *House of Representatives.*

3 **SEC. 610. CLASSIFIED BRIEFING ON ACTIVITIES OF CER-**
 4 **TAIN FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND ACTORS**
 5 **IN VENEZUELA.**

6 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 90 days after the*
 7 *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,*
 8 *acting through the Bureau of Intelligence and Research of*
 9 *the Department of State, and in coordination with the Di-*
 10 *rector of National Intelligence, shall provide a classified*
 11 *briefing to the appropriate congressional committees on—*

12 (1) *the full extent of cooperation by the Govern-*
 13 *ment of the Russian Federation, the Government of*
 14 *the People’s Republic of China, the Government of*
 15 *Cuba, and the Government of Iran with the Maduro*
 16 *regime; and*

17 (2) *the activities inside Venezuelan territory of*
 18 *foreign armed groups, including Colombian criminal*
 19 *organizations and defectors from the Colombian gue-*
 20 *rilla group known as the Revolutionary Armed Forces*
 21 *of Colombia, and foreign terrorist organizations, in-*
 22 *cluding the Colombian guerilla group known as the*
 23 *National Liberation Army (ELN).*

1 (b) *APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.*—In
 2 this section, the term “appropriate congressional commit-
 3 tees” means—

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

6 (2) *the Select Committee on Intelligence of the*
 7 *Senate;*

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

10 (4) *the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-*
 11 *ligence of the House of Representatives.*

12 **SEC. 611. COUNTERING RUSSIAN INFLUENCE IN VEN-**
 13 **EZUELA.**

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

16 (b) *THREAT ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGY TO*
 17 *COUNTER RUSSIAN INFLUENCE IN VENEZUELA.*—

18 (1) *DEFINED TERM.*—In this subsection, the
 19 term “appropriate congressional committees”
 20 means—

21 (A) *the Committee on Foreign Relations of*
 22 *the Senate; and*

23 (B) *the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the*
 24 *House of Representatives.*

1 (2) *THREAT ASSESSMENT.*—Not later than 90
2 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
3 Secretary of State shall brief the appropriate congressional
4 committees regarding—

5 (A) *an assessment of Russian-Venezuelan security*
6 *cooperation; and*

7 (B) *the potential threat such cooperation*
8 *poses to the United States and countries in the*
9 *Western Hemisphere.*

10 (3) *STRATEGY.*—Not later than 30 days after the
11 briefing required under paragraph (2), the Secretary
12 of State shall brief the appropriate congressional committees
13 regarding a strategy to counter threats identified in such
14 assessment from Russian-Venezuelan cooperation.
15 operation.

16 (c) *ALIENS INELIGIBLE FOR VISAS, ADMISSION, OR*
17 *PAROLE.*—

18 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—An alien who the Secretary of
19 State or the Secretary of Homeland Security (or a
20 designee of either Secretary) knows, or has reason to
21 believe, is an alien who is acting or has acted on behalf
22 of the Russian Government in direct support of
23 the security forces of the Maduro regime is—

24 (A) *inadmissible to the United States;*

1 (B) *ineligible to receive a visa or other doc-*
 2 *umentation to enter the United States; and*

3 (C) *otherwise ineligible to be admitted into*
 4 *the United States or to receive any other benefit*
 5 *under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8*
 6 *U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).*

7 (2) *CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—*

8 (A) *IN GENERAL.—The issuing consular of-*
 9 *ficer, the Secretary of State, or the Secretary of*
 10 *Homeland Security (or a designee of one of such*
 11 *Secretaries) shall, in accordance with section*
 12 *221(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act*
 13 *(8 U.S.C. 1201(i)), revoke any visa or other*
 14 *entry documentation issued to an alien described*
 15 *in paragraph (1) regardless of when the visa or*
 16 *other entry documentation is issued.*

17 (B) *EFFECT OF REVOCATION.—A revocation*
 18 *under subparagraph (A) shall—*

19 (i) *take effect immediately; and*

20 (ii) *automatically cancel any other*
 21 *valid visa or entry documentation that is in*
 22 *the alien's possession.*

23 (3) *EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH UNITED NA-*
 24 *TIONS HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT OR FOR NATIONAL*
 25 *SECURITY REASONS.—*

1 (A) *INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.*—*This*
 2 *section shall not apply to an alien if admitting*
 3 *or paroling the alien into the United States is*
 4 *necessary to permit the United States to comply*
 5 *with—*

6 (i) *the Agreement regarding the Head-*
 7 *quarters of the United Nations, signed at*
 8 *Lake Success June 26, 1947, and entered*
 9 *into force November 21, 1947, between the*
 10 *United Nations and the United States; or*

11 (ii) *other applicable international obli-*
 12 *gations of the United States.*

13 (B) *NATIONAL SECURITY.*—*The President*
 14 *may waive the application of this section to an*
 15 *alien if the President—*

16 (i) *determines that such a waiver is in*
 17 *the national interest of the United States;*
 18 *and*

19 (ii) *submits a notice of, and justifica-*
 20 *tion for, such waiver to the appropriate*
 21 *congressional committees.*

22 (4) *SUNSET.*—*This subsection shall terminate on*
 23 *the date that is 1 year after the date of the enactment*
 24 *of this Act.*

1 **SEC. 612. RESTRICTION ON EXPORT OF COVERED ARTICLES**
 2 **AND SERVICES TO CERTAIN SECURITY**
 3 **FORCES OF VENEZUELA.**

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

6 (b) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section:*

7 (1) *APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-*
 8 *TEES.*—*The term “appropriate congressional commit-*
 9 *tees” means—*

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

12 (B) *the Committee on Banking, Housing,*
 13 *and Urban Affairs of the Senate;*

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

16 (D) *the Committee on Financial Services of*
 17 *the House of Representatives.*

18 (2) *COVERED ARTICLE OR SERVICE.*—*The term*
 19 *“covered article or service”—*

20 (A) *for purposes of subsection (c), means—*

21 (i) *a defense article or defense service*
 22 *(as such terms are defined in section 47 of*
 23 *the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C.*
 24 *2794)); and*

25 (ii) *any article included on the Com-*
 26 *merce Control List set forth in Supplement*

1 *No. 1 to part 774 of the Export Administra-*
 2 *tion Regulations under subchapter C of*
 3 *chapter VII of title 15, Code of Federal Reg-*
 4 *ulations, and controlled for crime control*
 5 *purposes, if the end user is likely to use the*
 6 *article to violate the human rights of the*
 7 *citizens of Venezuela; and*

8 *(B) for purposes of subsection (d), means—*

9 *(i) any defense article or defense serv-*
 10 *ice of the type described in section 47 of the*
 11 *Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2794);*
 12 *and*

13 *(ii) any article of the type included on*
 14 *the Commerce Control List set forth in Sup-*
 15 *plement No. 1 to part 774 of the Export Ad-*
 16 *ministration Regulations and controlled for*
 17 *crime control purposes.*

18 (3) *FOREIGN PERSON.*—*The term “foreign per-*
 19 *son” means a person that is not a United States per-*
 20 *son.*

21 (4) *PERSON.*—*The term “person” means an in-*
 22 *dividual or entity.*

23 (5) *SECURITY FORCES OF VENEZUELA.*—*The*
 24 *term “security forces of Venezuela” includes—*

1 (A) *the Bolivarian National Armed Forces,*
 2 *including the Bolivarian National Guard;*

3 (B) *the Bolivarian National Intelligence*
 4 *Service;*

5 (C) *the Bolivarian National Police; and*

6 (D) *the Bureau for Scientific, Criminal and*
 7 *Forensic Investigations of the Ministry of Inte-*
 8 *rior, Justice, and Peace.*

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

11 (A) *a United States citizen or an alien law-*
 12 *fully admitted for permanent residence to the*
 13 *United States; or*

14 (B) *an entity organized under the laws of*
 15 *the United States or of any jurisdiction within*
 16 *the United States, including a foreign branch of*
 17 *such an entity.*

18 (c) *RESTRICTION ON EXPORT OF COVERED ARTICLES*
 19 *AND SERVICES TO CERTAIN SECURITY FORCES OF VEN-*
 20 *EZUELA.—*

21 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Notwithstanding any other*
 22 *provision of law, covered articles or services may not*
 23 *be exported from the United States to any element of*
 24 *the security forces of the Maduro regime.*

1 (2) *DETERMINATION.*—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 and the heads of other departments and
5 agencies, as appropriate, shall—

6 (A) determine, using such information that
7 is available to the Secretary of State, whether
8 any covered article or service has been trans-
9 ferred since July 2017 to the security forces of
10 Venezuela without a license or other authoriza-
11 tion as required by law; and

12 (B) submit such determination in writing
13 to the appropriate congressional committees.

14 (d) *BRIEFING.*—

15 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 180 days after
16 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
17 State, in consultation with the Secretary of Com-
18 merce, as appropriate, shall brief the appropriate con-
19 gressional committees regarding the transfer by for-
20 eign persons of covered articles or services to elements
21 of the security forces of Venezuela that are under the
22 authority of the Maduro regime.

23 (2) *MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.*—The briefing
24 required under paragraph (1) shall include—

1 (A) a list of all significant transfers by for-
 2 eign persons of covered articles or services to
 3 such elements of the security forces of Venezuela
 4 since July 2017;

5 (B) a list of all foreign persons who main-
 6 tain an existing defense relationship with such
 7 elements of the security forces of Venezuela; and

8 (C) any known use of covered articles or
 9 services by such elements of the security forces of
 10 Venezuela or associated forces, including para-
 11 military groups, that have coordinated with such
 12 security forces to assault, intimidate, or murder
 13 political activists, protesters, dissidents, and
 14 other civil society leaders, including Juan
 15 Guaidó.

16 (e) *SUNSET*.—This section shall terminate on the ear-
 17 lier of—

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

20 (2) the date on which the President certifies to
 21 the appropriate congressional committees that the
 22 Government of Venezuela has returned to a demo-
 23 cratic form of government with respect for the essen-
 24 tial elements of representative democracy as set forth
 25 in Article 3 of the Inter-American Democratic Char-

3 ***TITLE VII—CRYPTOCURRENCY***
4 ***SANCTIONS AND ENSURING***
5 ***THE EFFECTIVENESS OF***
6 ***UNITED STATES SANCTIONS***

7 **SEC. 701. SANCTIONS ON VENEZUELA'S CRYPTOCURRENCY**
8 **AND THE PROVISION OF RELATED TECH-**
9 **NOLOGIES.**

(a) *FINDING.—Executive Order 13827 (83 Fed. Reg. 12469), which was signed on March 19, 2018, provided for sanctions intended to limit the effectiveness of the issuance by the Maduro regime of a digital currency in an effort to circumvent United States sanctions.*

15 (b) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section:*

(1) *ENTITY*.—The term “entity” means a partnership, association, trust, joint venture, corporation, group, subgroup, or organization.

19 (2) *PERSON*.—The term “person” means an in-
20 dividual or entity.

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

23 (A) *United States citizen;*

24 (B) alien lawfully admitted for permanent
25 residence to the United States;

1 (C) entity organized under the laws of the
 2 United States or any jurisdiction within the
 3 United States (including a foreign branch of any
 4 such entity); and

5 (D) any person physically located in the
 6 United States.

7 (c) *PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS.*—

8 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—All transactions by a United
 9 States person or within the United States that relate
 10 to, provide financing for, or otherwise deal in any
 11 digital currency, digital coin, or digital token, that
 12 was issued by, for, or on behalf of the Maduro regime
 13 are prohibited beginning on the date of the enactment
 14 of this Act.

15 (2) *APPLICABILITY.*—The prohibitions under
 16 paragraph (1) shall apply to the extent provided by
 17 statutes, or in regulations, orders, directives, or li-
 18 censes that may be issued pursuant to this Act, and
 19 notwithstanding any contract entered into or any li-
 20 cense or permit granted before the date of the enact-
 21 ment of this Act.

22 (3) *PROHIBITIONS.*—Any transaction that evades
 23 or avoids, has the purpose of evading or avoiding,
 24 causes a violation of, or attempts to violate any of the
 25 prohibitions set forth in this subsection is prohibited.

1 *Any conspiracy formed to violate any of the prohibi-*
 2 *tions set forth in this subsection is prohibited.*

3 *(d) RULEMAKING.—*

4 *(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treas-*
 5 *ury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, is*
 6 *authorized to take such actions, including promul-*
 7 *gating rules and regulations, to implement this sec-*
 8 *tion.*

9 *(2) DELEGATION.—The Secretary of the Treas-*
 10 *ury may redelegate any of the functions described in*
 11 *paragraph (1) to other officers and executive depart-*
 12 *ments and agencies of the United States Government.*
 13 *All agencies of the United States Government shall*
 14 *take all appropriate measures within their authority*
 15 *to carry out the provisions of this section.*

16 *(e) WAIVER.—The President may waive the prohibi-*
 17 *tion under subsection (c)(1) if the President—*

18 *(1) determines that such waiver is in the na-*
 19 *tional interest of the United States; and*

20 *(2) not later than 30 days after making a deter-*
 21 *mination under paragraph (1), submits a written ex-*
 22 *planation for why such a waiver is in the United*
 23 *States national interest to—*

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

1 (B) *the Committee on Banking, Housing,*
2 *and Urban Affairs of the Senate;*

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

5 (D) *the Committee on Financial Services of*
6 *the House of Representatives.*

7 **SEC. 702. BRIEFING ON THE IMPACT OF**
8 **CRYPTOCURRENCIES ON UNITED STATES**
9 **SANCTIONS.**

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

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

14 (2) *the Committee on Banking, Housing, and*
15 *Urban Affairs of the Senate;*

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

18 (4) *the Committee on Financial Services of the*
19 *House of Representatives.*

20 (b) *METHODOLOGY.*—*Not later than 180 days after the*
21 *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State*
22 *and the Secretary of the Treasury, after consultation with*
23 *the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission*
24 *and the Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading*
25 *Commission, shall develop a methodology to assess how any*

1 *digital currency, digital coin, or digital token, that was*
 2 *issued by, for, or on behalf of the Maduro regime is being*
 3 *utilized to circumvent or undermine United States sanc-*
 4 *tions.*

5 *(c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the date*
 6 *of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State and the*
 7 *Secretary of the Treasury shall brief the appropriate con-*
 8 *gressional committees on the methodology developed under*
 9 *subsection (b).*

10 ***TITLE VIII—MISCELLANEOUS*** 11 ***PROVISIONS***

12 ***SEC. 801. CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFINGS.***

13 *(a) HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE; SANCTIONS COORDI-*
 14 *NATION.—*

15 *(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 15 days after*
 16 *any of the congressional committees listed in para-*
 17 *graph (2) requests a briefing regarding the implemen-*
 18 *tation—*

19 *(A) of section 201, the Secretary of State*
 20 *and the Administrator of the United States*
 21 *Agency for International Development shall pro-*
 22 *vide such briefing to such committee; and*

23 *(B) of section 601, the Secretary of State*
 24 *shall provide such briefing to such committee.*

1 (2) *CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.*—*The commit-*
 2 *tees listed in this paragraph are—*

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

5 (B) *the Committee on Appropriations of the*
 6 *Senate;*

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

9 (D) *the Committee on Appropriations of the*
 10 *House of Representatives.*

11 (b) *UNITED NATIONS; NEGOTIATED SOLUTION;*
 12 *CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY.—*

13 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 15 days after*
 14 *any congressional committee listed in paragraph (2)*
 15 *requests a briefing regarding the implementation of*
 16 *section 103, 202, or 403, the Secretary of State shall*
 17 *provide such briefing to such committee.*

18 (2) *CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.*—*The congres-*
 19 *sional committees listed in this paragraph are—*

20 (A) *the Committee on Foreign Relations of*
 21 *the Senate; and*

22 (B) *the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the*
 23 *House of Representatives.*

24 (c) *REGIME COHESION.—*

1 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 15 days after
 2 a congressional committee listed in paragraph (2) re-
 3 quests a briefing regarding the implementation of sec-
 4 tion 301, the Secretary of State and the Director of
 5 National Intelligence shall provide such briefing to
 6 such committee.

7 (2) *CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.*—The congres-
 8 sional committees listed in this paragraph are—

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

11 (B) the Select Committee on Intelligence of
 12 the Senate;

13 (C) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
 14 House of Representatives; and

15 (D) the Permanent Select Committee on In-
 16 telligence of the House of Representatives.

17 (d) *INTERNATIONAL ELECTION OBSERVATION; DEMO-*
 18 *CRATIC CIVIL SOCIETY.*—Not later than 15 days after a
 19 congressional committee listed in subsection (a)(2) requests
 20 a briefing regarding the implementation of section 405, the
 21 Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United
 22 States Agency for International Development shall provide
 23 such briefing to such committee.

24 (e) *VISA RESTRICTIONS; SANCTIONS WAIVER.*—Not
 25 later than 15 days after a congressional committee listed

1 *in subsection (b)(2) requests a briefing regarding the imple-*
 2 *mentation of section 302 or 303, the Secretary of State shall*
 3 *provide such briefing to such committee.*

4 (f) *RECONSTRUCTION OF VENEZUELA'S ENERGY IN-*
 5 *FRASTRUCTURE.—*

6 (1) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than 15 days after*
 7 *a congressional committee listed in paragraph (2) re-*
 8 *quests a briefing regarding the implementation of sec-*
 9 *tion 501, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of En-*
 10 *ergy, and the Secretary of the Treasury shall provide*
 11 *such briefing to such committee.*

12 (2) *CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The congres-*
 13 *sional committees listed in this paragraph are—*

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

16 (B) *the Committee on Energy and Natural*
 17 *Resources of the Senate;*

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

20 (D) *the Committee on Energy and Com-*
 21 *merce of the House of Representatives.*

22 (g) *RECOVERY OF STOLEN ASSETS.—*

23 (1) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than 15 days after*
 24 *a congressional committee listed in paragraph (2) re-*
 25 *quests a briefing regarding the implementation of sec-*

tion 502, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Attorney General shall provide such briefing to such committee.

(2) CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The congressional committees listed in this paragraph are—

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

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

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

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

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

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

(h) FINANCIAL SANCTIONS.—

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

(2) CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The congressional committees listed in this paragraph are—

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

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

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

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

9 (i) *KINGPIN SANCTIONS.—Not later than 15 days after*
10 *a congressional committee listed in subsection (h)(2) re-*
11 *quests a briefing regarding the implementation of section*
12 *607, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General,*
13 *the Secretary of State, and the Director of the Central Intel-*
14 *ligence Agency shall provide such briefing to such com-*
15 *mittee.*

16 (j) *PDVSA TRANSACTIONS WITH ROSNEFT.—*

17 (1) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than 15 days after*
18 *a congressional committee listed in paragraph (2) re-*
19 *quests a briefing regarding the implementation of sec-*
20 *tion 609, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the*
21 *Treasury, and the Secretary of Homeland Security*
22 *shall provide such briefing to such committee.*

23 (2) *CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The congres-*
24 *sional committees listed in this paragraph are—*

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

3 (B) the Committee on Homeland Security
4 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

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

7 (D) the Committee on Homeland Security
8 of the House of Representatives.

9 (k) CRYPTOCURRENCY SANCTIONS.—Not later than 15
10 days after a congressional committee listed in subsection
11 (h)(2) requests a briefing regarding the implementation of
12 section 701 or 702, the Secretary of State and the Secretary
13 of the Treasury shall provide such briefing to such com-
14 mittee.

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

16 (a) IMPLEMENTATION.—

17 (1) PRESIDENT.—The President may exercise all
18 of the authorities described in sections 203 and 205
19 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act
20 (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704) to carry out sections 603,
21 605, 606, 607, 608, and 701 of this Act.

22 (2) SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.—The Sec-
23 retary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Sec-
24 retary of State, may promulgate such regulations as
25 may be necessary to implement the provisions set

1 *forth in sections 603, 605, 606, 607, 608, and 701 of*
 2 *this Act.*

3 (b) *PENALTIES.*—*Any person that violates, attempts to*
 4 *violate, conspires to violate, or causes a violation of any*
 5 *of the sanctions described in sections 603, 605, 606, 607,*
 6 *608 and 701, or of any regulation, license, or order issued*
 7 *to carry out those sections, shall be subject to the penalties*
 8 *set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the*
 9 *International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C.*
 10 *1705) to the same extent as a person that commits an un-*
 11 *lawful act described in subsection (a) of that section.*

12 **SEC. 803. PROHIBITION ON CONSTRUCTION OF PROVISIONS**
 13 **OF THIS ACT AS AN AUTHORIZATION FOR**
 14 **THE USE OF MILITARY FORCE.**

15 *Nothing in this Act may be construed as an authoriza-*
 16 *tion for the use of military force.*

17 **SEC. 804. EXTENSION AND TERMINATION OF SANCTIONS**
 18 **AGAINST VENEZUELA.**

19 (a) *AMENDMENT.*—*Section 5(e) of the Venezuela De-*
 20 *fense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act of 2014 (Pub-*
 21 *lic Law 113–278; 50 U.S.C. 1701 note) is amended by strik-*
 22 *ing “December 31, 2019” and inserting “December 31,*
 23 *2025”.*

24 (b) *TERMINATION.*—*The requirement to impose sanc-*
 25 *tions under this Act shall terminate on December 31, 2025.*

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