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## AN ACT

To require the Secretary of State to submit an annual report to Congress regarding the ties between criminal gangs and political and economic elites in Haiti and impose sanctions on political and economic elites involved in such criminal activities.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Haiti Criminal Collu-  
3 sion Transparency Act of 2025”.

4 **SEC. 2. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
6 date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter  
7 for the following 5 years, the Secretary of State, in coordi-  
8 nation with other Federal agencies as appropriate, shall  
9 submit a report to the appropriate congressional commit-  
10 tees regarding the ties between criminal gangs and polit-  
11 ical and economic elites in Haiti. The report shall—

12           (1) identify and list prominent criminal gangs  
13       in Haiti as well as the leaders thereof, and describe  
14       their criminal activities including coercive recruit-  
15       ment, and identify their primary geographic areas of  
16       operations;

17           (2) list Haitian political and economic elites  
18       who have direct links to criminal gangs and any or-  
19       ganizations or entities controlled by these elites;

20           (3) describe in detail the relationship between  
21       the individuals listed pursuant to paragraph (2) and  
22       the criminal gangs identified pursuant to paragraph  
23       (1);

24           (4) describe in detail how Haitian political and  
25       economic elites use their relationships with criminal

1 gangs to advance their political and economic inter-  
2 ests and agenda;

3 (5) include a list of each criminal organization  
4 assessed to be trafficking Haitians and other indi-  
5 viduals to the United States border;

6 (6) include an assessment of ties between polit-  
7 ical and economic elites, criminal gangs in Haiti,  
8 and transnational criminal organizations;

9 (7) include an assessment of how the nature  
10 and extent of collusion between political and eco-  
11 nomic elites and criminal gangs threatens the Hai-  
12 tian people and United States national interests and  
13 activities in the country; and

14 (8) include an assessment of potential actions  
15 that the Government of the United States could take  
16 to address the findings made pursuant to paragraph  
17 (6).

18 (b) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required under  
19 subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but  
20 may include a classified annex.

21 **SEC. 3. SANCTIONS.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the  
23 submission of the report to the appropriate committees,  
24 the President shall impose the sanctions described in sub-

1 section (b) with respect to each foreign person identified  
2 pursuant to sections 2(a)(1) and 2(a)(2).

3 (b) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions de-  
4 scribed in this subsection are the following:

5 (1) PROPERTY BLOCKING.—Notwithstanding  
6 the requirements of section 202 of the International  
7 Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701),  
8 the President may exercise of all powers granted to  
9 the President by that Act to the extent necessary to  
10 block and prohibit all transactions in all property  
11 and interests in property of the foreign person if  
12 such property and interests in property are in the  
13 United States, come within the United States, or are  
14 or come within the possession or control of a United  
15 States person.

16 (2) VISAS, ADMISSION, OR PAROLE.—

17 (A) IN GENERAL.—An alien who the Sec-  
18 retary of State or the Secretary of Homeland  
19 Security (or a designee of one of such Secre-  
20 taries) knows, or has reason to believe, is de-  
21 scribed in subsection (a) is—

22 (i) inadmissible to the United States;

23 (ii) ineligible for a visa or other docu-  
24 mentation to enter the United States; and

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

(B) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—The issuing consular officer, the Secretary of State, or the Secretary of Homeland Security (or a designee of one of such Secretaries) shall, in accordance with section 221(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1201(i)), revoke any visa or other entry documentation issued to an alien described in subsection (a) regardless of when the visa or other entry documentation is issued.

(ii) EFFECT OF REVOCATION.—A revocation under clause (i) shall take effect immediately and shall automatically cancel any other valid visa or entry documentation that is in the alien's possession.

(c) EXCEPTIONS.—

(1) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.—Sanctions under this sec-

tion shall not apply with respect to the admission of an alien if admitting or paroling the alien into the United States is necessary to permit the United States to comply with the Agreement regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations, signed at Lake Success June 26, 1947, and entered into force November 21, 1947, between the United Nations and the United States, or other applicable international obligations.

(2) EXCEPTION RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.—Sanctions under this section may not be imposed with respect to transactions or the facilitation of transactions for—

(A) the sale of agricultural commodities, food, medicine, or medical devices to Haiti;

(B) the provision of humanitarian assistance to the people of Haiti;

(C) financial transactions relating to humanitarian assistance or for humanitarian purposes in Haiti; or

(D) transporting goods or services that are necessary to carry out operations relating to humanitarian assistance or humanitarian purposes in Haiti.

(d) IMPLEMENTATION; PENALTIES.—

1           (1) IMPLEMENTATION.—The President may ex-  
2       ercise all authorities provided to the President under  
3       sections 203 and 205 of the International Emer-  
4       gency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and  
5       1704) to carry out this subtitle.

6           (2) PENALTIES.—The penalties provided for in  
7       of section 206(b) and (c) of the International Emer-  
8       gency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) shall  
9       apply to a person that violates, attempts to violate,  
10      conspires to violate, or causes a violation of regula-  
11      tions promulgated to carry out this section to the  
12      same extent that such penalties apply to a person  
13      that commits an unlawful act described in section  
14      206(a) of that Act.

15          (e) WAIVER.—The President may waive the applica-  
16      tion of sanctions or restrictions imposed with respect to  
17      a foreign person under this section if the President cer-  
18      tifies to the appropriate congressional committees that the  
19      waiver is important to the national interests of the United  
20      States.

21          (f) EXCEPTION RELATING TO IMPORTATION OF  
22      GOODS.—

23              (1) IN GENERAL.—The authorities and require-  
24      ments to impose sanctions authorized under this sec-

tion shall not include the authority or requirement to impose sanctions on the importation of goods.

(2) GOOD DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “good” means any article, natural or man-made substance, material, supply or manufactured product, including inspection and test equipment, and excluding technical data.

**SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

In this Act:

(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives;

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

(C) the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives;

(D) the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate;

(E) the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence;

(F) the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence;



1 (G) the Committee on Appropriations of  
2 the House of Representatives; and

3 (H) the Committee on Appropriations of  
4 the Senate.

5 (1) FOREIGN PERSON.—The term “foreign per-  
6 son” means an individual or entity that is not a  
7 United States person.

8 (2) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term  
9 “United States person” means—

10 (A) a United States citizen;

11 (B) a permanent resident alien of the  
12 United States; or

13 (C) an entity organized under the laws of  
14 the United States or of any jurisdiction within  
15 the United States, including a foreign branch of  
16 such an entity.

17 (3) ECONOMIC ELITES.—The term “economic  
18 elites” means board members, officers, and execu-  
19 tives of groups, committees, corporations, or other  
20 entities that exert substantial influence or control  
21 over Haiti’s economy, infrastructure, or particular  
22 industries.

23 (4) POLITICAL ELITES.—The term “political  
24 elites” means current and former government offi-

1 cials and their high-level staff, political party lead-  
2 ers, and political committee leaders.

3 **SEC. 5. SUNSET.**

4 The authorities provided by this Act shall cease to  
5 have effect on the date that is 5 years after the date of  
6 the enactment of this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives September 2,  
2025.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
*Clerk.*