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H. R. 4804

To authorize an annual strategic dialogue to return democratic rule to Belarus, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2025

Mr. KEATING (for himself, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Ms. KAPTUR, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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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. U.S.-BELARUS STRATEGIC DIALOGUE.**

4 The Secretary of State is authorized to facilitate an
5 annual strategic dialogue with the Belarusian democratic
6 movement that seeks to—

7 (1) consider the efforts needed to return to
8 democratic rule in Belarus, including the efforts
9 needed to support free and fair elections in Belarus;

1 (2) support the day-to-day functions of the
2 Belarus democratic movement, which represents the
3 legitimate aspirations of the Belarusian people;

4 (3) ensure that Belarusians living outside the
5 territory of Belarus have adequate access to essen-
6 tial services;

7 (4) respond to the political, economic, and secu-
8 rity impacts of events in Belarus and Russia on
9 neighboring countries in the wider region;

10 (5) ensure accountability, including through
11 sanctions, for the regime of Alyaksandr Lukashenka
12 for its human rights abuses and support for Russia's
13 war of aggression in Ukraine;

14 (6) facilitate the release of political prisoners
15 and other wrongfully detained individuals in Belarus
16 including journalists; and

17 (7) support Belarusian language and cultural
18 programs, including by supporting Belarusian lan-
19 guage independent media programs, and Belarusian
20 civil society, including through efforts to restore de-
21 mocracy and the regular function of democratic in-
22 stitutions in Belarus.

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