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To require the Secretary of State to submit a strategy to Congress for countering Iranian and Hezbollah influence operations in Latin America.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CURTIS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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. SHORT TITLES.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Barring Adversarial
5 Networks and Notorious Extremist Destabilizers in Latin
6 America Act” or the “BANNED in Latin America Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. STRATEGY TO COUNTER IRANIAN AND HEZBOLLAH**
8 **INFLUENCE OPERATIONS IN LATIN AMERICA.**

9 (a) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary

1 of State shall submit a comprehensive strategy to the
2 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the
3 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representa-
4 tives for countering Iran’s and Hezbollah’s propaganda,
5 missionary networks, and influence operations in Latin
6 America.

7 (b) CONTENTS OF STRATEGY.—The strategy re-
8 quired under subsection (a) shall include—

9 (1) measures that address the proliferation of
10 Iranian cultural centers in Latin America that pro-
11 mote Iranian ideology, including diplomatic efforts
12 to limit their operations, sanctions on affiliated enti-
13 ties, and public diplomacy to expose their activities;

14 (2) actions that restrict the travel and activities
15 of Iranian emissaries, including diplomats, cultural
16 attaches, and other agents who facilitate propa-
17 ganda, radicalization, and terror-supporting net-
18 works in Latin America, through visa denials, sanc-
19 tions, or other travel restrictions;

20 (3) initiatives that strengthen the capacity of
21 United States intelligence agencies to identify, mon-
22 itor, and disrupt Iran’s and Hezbollah’s networks,
23 including their cooperation academic institutions and
24 nongovernmental organizations in Latin America;

1 (4) a framework for taking actions, similar to
2 those implemented against Al-Manar and Press TV,
3 to disrupt Iran's HispanTV and Hezbollah's Al
4 Mayadeen Español platforms, including sanctions,
5 designations, and cooperation with regional partners
6 to limit their broadcasting reach and digital pres-
7 ence; and

8 (5) a plan to address Iran's Al Mustafa Inter-
9 national University network and its affiliated enti-
10 ties, including by designating them as foreign ter-
11 rorist organizations or specially designated global
12 terrorists, as appropriate, due to their respective
13 roles in radicalization and recruitment for Iran's ide-
14 ological and terrorist objectives.

15 (c) FORM.—The strategy required under subsection
16 (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form and may in-
17 clude a classified annex.

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