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To allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RANGEL 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Export Freedom to
5 Cuba Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. TRAVEL TO CUBA.**

7 (a) FREEDOM OF TRAVEL FOR UNITED STATES CITI-
8 ZENS AND LEGAL RESIDENTS.—Subject to section 3, the
9 President shall not regulate or prohibit, directly or indi-
10 rectly, travel to or from Cuba by United States citizens
11 or legal residents, or any of the transactions incident to
12 such travel that are set forth in subsection (b). The Presi-

1 dent shall rescind all regulations in effect on the date of
2 the enactment of this Act that so regulate or prohibit such
3 travel or transactions.

4 (b) TRANSACTIONS INCIDENT TO TRAVEL.—The
5 transactions referred to in subsection (a) are—

6 (1) any transactions ordinarily incident to trav-
7 el to or from Cuba, including the importation into
8 Cuba or the United States of accompanied baggage
9 for personal use only;

10 (2) any transactions ordinarily incident to trav-
11 el or maintenance within Cuba, including the pay-
12 ment of living expenses and the acquisition of goods
13 or services for personal use;

14 (3) any transactions ordinarily incident to the
15 arrangement, promotion, or facilitation of travel to,
16 from, or within Cuba;

17 (4) any transactions incident to nonscheduled
18 air, sea, or land voyages, except that this paragraph
19 does not authorize the carriage of articles into Cuba
20 or the United States except accompanied baggage;
21 and

22 (5) normal banking transactions incident to the
23 activities described in the preceding provisions of
24 this subsection, including the issuance, clearing,
25 processing, or payment of checks, drafts, travelers

1 checks, credit or debit card instruments, or similar
2 instruments;

3 except that this section does not authorize the importation
4 into the United States of any goods for personal consump-
5 tion acquired in Cuba.

6 **SEC. 3. EXCEPTION.**

7 The restrictions on authority contained in section 2
8 do not apply in a case in which the United States is at
9 war with Cuba, armed hostilities between the two coun-
10 tries are in progress, or there is imminent danger to the
11 public health or the physical safety of United States trav-
12 elers.

13 **SEC. 4. APPLICABILITY.**

14 This Act applies to actions taken by the President
15 before the date of the enactment of this Act which are
16 in effect on such date of enactment, and to actions taken
17 on or after such date.

18 **SEC. 5. INAPPLICABILITY OF OTHER PROVISIONS.**

19 This Act applies notwithstanding section 102(h) of
20 the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity
21 (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996 (22 U.S.C. 6032(h)) and sec-
22 tion 910(b) of the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export
23 Enhancement Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7209(b)).

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