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To lift the trade embargo on Cuba, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EMMER (for himself, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. BEYER, Mr. SANFORD, Ms. LEE, Mr. POCAN, Mr. AMASH, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mr. POE of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Financial Services, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To lift the trade embargo on Cuba, 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 TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Cuba Trade Act of
5 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF PROVISIONS RESTRICTING TRADE** 7 **WITH CUBA.**

8 (a) **AUTHORITY FOR EMBARGO.—**

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 620(a) of the For-
2 eign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2370(a)) is
3 amended by striking “(1) No assistance” and all
4 that follows through “(2) Except” and inserting
5 “Except”.

6 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1709
7 of the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992 (22 U.S.C.
8 6008) is amended by striking “section 620(a)(2)”
9 and inserting “section 620(a)”.

10 (b) CUBAN DEMOCRACY ACT.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Cuban Democracy Act
12 of 1992 (22 U.S.C. 6001 et seq.) is amended—

13 (A) by striking section 1704 (22 U.S.C.
14 6003);

15 (B) by striking section 1706 (22 U.S.C.
16 6005); and

17 (C) by striking section 1708 (22 U.S.C.
18 6007).

19 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Paragraph (3)
20 of section 204(b) of the Cuban Liberty and Demo-
21 cratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996 (22
22 U.S.C. 6064(b)) is amended to read as follows:

23 “(3) section 1705(d) of the Cuban Democracy
24 Act of 1992 (22 U.S.C. 6004(d));”.

1 (c) CUBAN LIBERTY AND DEMOCRATIC SOLIDARITY
 2 ACT.—The Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity
 3 (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996 (22 U.S.C. 6021 et seq.) is
 4 amended—

5 (1) by striking section 102 (22 U.S.C. 6032);

6 (2) by striking section 103 (22 U.S.C. 6033);

7 and

8 (3) in section 109(a) (22 U.S.C. 6039(a)), by
 9 striking “(including section 102 of this Act)”.

10 (d) TRADE SANCTIONS REFORM AND EXPORT EN-
 11 HANCEMENT ACT OF 2000.—The Trade Sanctions Re-
 12 form and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C.
 13 7201 et seq.) is amended—

14 (1) in section 906(a)(1) (22 U.S.C.
 15 7205(a)(1)), by striking “Cuba,”;

16 (2) by amending section 908 (22 U.S.C. 7207)
 17 to read as follows:

18 **“SEC. 908. PROHIBITION ON UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE**
 19 **AND FINANCING.**

20 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
 21 vision of law, no United States Government assistance, in-
 22 cluding United States foreign assistance, United States
 23 export assistance, and any United States credit or guaran-
 24 tees shall be available for commercial exports to Iran,
 25 Libya, North Korea, or Sudan.

1 “(b) PROHIBITION ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND FI-
 2 NANCING OF TRADE WITH CUBA.—Notwithstanding any
 3 other provision of law, the United States Government may
 4 not provide any foreign assistance to Cuba or any financial
 5 assistance, loans, loan guarantees, extension of credit, or
 6 other financing for exports to Cuba.

7 “(c) WAIVER.—The President may waive the applica-
 8 tion of subsection (a) or (b) to the degree the President
 9 determines that it is in the national security interest of
 10 the United States to do so, or for humanitarian reasons.”;
 11 and

12 (3) by striking section 909 (22 U.S.C. 7208).

13 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON USE OF TAXPAYER FUNDS TO**
 14 **PROMOTE TRADE WITH CUBA.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
 16 sion of law, the Federal Government may not obligate or
 17 expend any funds to promote trade with or develop mar-
 18 kets in Cuba.

19 (b) EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN FEDERAL COMMODITY
 20 PROMOTION PROGRAMS.—Subsection (a) does not pro-
 21 hibit the obligation or expenditure of funds by Federal
 22 commodity promotion programs established in accordance
 23 with a commodity promotion law, as defined by section

1 501(a) of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Re-
2 form Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7401(a)).

