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# H. R. 7521

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

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCGOVERN (for himself, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. POCAN, Ms. OMAR, Ms. NORTON, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. CASAR, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. SIMON, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. DESAULNIER, and Mr. COHEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, the Judiciary, Agriculture, and Financial Services, 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

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## 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 “United States-Cuba  
5 Trade Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF PROVISIONS RESTRICTING TRADE**  
2 **AND OTHER RELATIONS WITH CUBA.**

3 (a) **AUTHORITY FOR EMBARGO AND SUGAR**  
4 **QUOTA.—**

5 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**Section 620(a) of the For-  
6 eign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2370(a)) is  
7 repealed.

8 (2) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—**Section  
9 1610(f)(1)(A) of title 28, United States Code, is  
10 amended by striking “section 620(a) of the Foreign  
11 Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2370(a)),”.

12 (b) **TRADING WITH THE ENEMY ACT.—**

13 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**The authorities conferred  
14 upon the President by section 5(b) of the Trading  
15 With the Enemy Act (50 U.S.C. 4305(b)), which  
16 were being exercised with respect to Cuba on July  
17 1, 1977, as a result of a national emergency de-  
18 clared by the President before that date, and are  
19 being exercised on the day before the effective date  
20 of this Act, may not be exercised on or after such  
21 effective date with respect to Cuba.

22 (2) **REGULATIONS.—**Any regulation in effect on  
23 the day before the effective date of this Act pursuant  
24 to the exercise of authorities described in paragraph  
25 (1) shall cease to be effective on such effective date.

1 (c) EXERCISE OF AUTHORITIES UNDER OTHER PRO-  
2 VISIONS OF LAW.—

3 (1) REMOVAL OF PROHIBITIONS.—Any prohibi-  
4 tion on exports to Cuba that is in effect on the day  
5 before the effective date of this Act under the Ex-  
6 port Administration Act of 1979 (Public Law 96-  
7 72; 93 Stat. 503) or the Export Control Reform Act  
8 of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4801 et seq.) shall cease to be  
9 effective on such effective date.

10 (2) AUTHORITY FOR NEW RESTRICTIONS.—The  
11 President may, on and after the effective date of this  
12 Act—

13 (A) impose export controls with respect to  
14 Cuba under the Export Control Reform Act of  
15 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4801 et seq.); and

16 (B) exercise the authorities the President  
17 has under the International Emergency Eco-  
18 nomic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.)  
19 with respect to Cuba pursuant to a declaration  
20 of national emergency required by that Act that  
21 is made on account of an unusual and extraor-  
22 dinary threat to the national security, foreign  
23 policy, or economy of the United States, that  
24 did not exist before the date of the enactment  
25 of this Act.

1 (d) REPEAL OF CUBAN DEMOCRACY ACT OF 1992.—  
2 The Cuban Democracy Act of 1992 (22 U.S.C. 6001 et  
3 seq.) is repealed.

4 (e) REPEAL OF CUBAN LIBERTY AND DEMOCRATIC  
5 SOLIDARITY (LIBERTAD) ACT OF 1996.—

6 (1) REPEAL.—The Cuban Liberty and Demo-  
7 cratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996 (22  
8 U.S.C. 6021 et seq.) is repealed.

9 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

10 (A) VISA REVOCATION.—Section 428(c)(2)  
11 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6  
12 U.S.C. 236(c)(2)) is amended—

13 (i) by striking subparagraph (K); and  
14 (ii) by redesignating subparagraphs  
15 (L) through (P) as subparagraphs (K)  
16 through (O), respectively.

17 (B) EFFECT OF DETERMINATION.—Sec-  
18 tion 606 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and  
19 Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (Public  
20 Law 104–208; 8 U.S.C. 1255 note) is repealed.

21 (C) PROPERTY IMMUNE FROM ATTACH-  
22 MENT.—Section 1611 of title 28, United States  
23 Code, is amended by striking subsection (c).

24 (D) INTERNATIONAL CLAIMS.—Sections  
25 514 and 515 of the International Claims Settle-

1           ment Act of 1949 (22 U.S.C. 1643l and  
2           1643m) are repealed.

3           (f) REPEAL OF PROVISIONS IMPOSING CERTAIN RE-  
4           STRICTIONS ON ASSISTANCE TO FORMER SOVIET COUN-  
5           TRIES.—

6           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 498A of the Foreign  
7           Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2295a) is amend-  
8           ed—

9                   (A) in subsection (a)(11), by striking “and  
10                   intelligence facilities, including the military and  
11                   intelligence facilities at Lourdes and Cien-  
12                   fuegos,” and inserting “facilities,”;

13                   (B) in subsection (b)—

14                           (i) in paragraph (4), by inserting “or”  
15                           after the semicolon;

16                           (ii) by striking paragraph (5); and

17                           (iii) by redesignating paragraph (6) as  
18                           paragraph (5); and

19                   (C) by striking subsection (d).

20           (2) DEFINITIONS.—Section 498B(k) of the  
21           Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.  
22           2295b(k)) is amended by striking paragraphs (3)  
23           and (4).

24           (g) TRADE SANCTIONS REFORM AND EXPORT EN-  
25           HANCEMENT ACT OF 2000.—The Trade Sanctions Re-

1 form and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C.  
2 7201 et seq.) is amended—

3 (1) in section 906(a)(1) (22 U.S.C.  
4 7205(a)(1)), by striking “Cuba,”;

5 (2) in section 908 (22 U.S.C. 7207)—

6 (A) by striking subsection (b);

7 (B) in subsection (a)—

8 (i) by striking “PROHIBITION” and all  
9 that follows through “(1) IN GENERAL.—  
10 Notwithstanding” and inserting “IN GEN-  
11 ERAL.—Notwithstanding”;

12 (ii) by striking “for exports to Cuba  
13 or”;

14 (iii) by striking paragraph (2); and

15 (iv) by redesignating paragraph (3) as  
16 subsection (b) and by moving such sub-  
17 section, as so redesignated, 2 ems to the  
18 left; and

19 (C) in subsection (b), as redesignated by  
20 subparagraph (B)(iv), by striking “paragraph  
21 (1)” and inserting “subsection (a)”;

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

23 (4) by striking section 910 (22 U.S.C. 7209);

24 and

1           (5) by redesignating section 911 (Public Law  
2           106–387; 114 Stat. 1549A–72) as section 909.

3           (h) REPEAL OF PROHIBITION ON TRANSACTIONS OR  
4 PAYMENTS WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN UNITED STATES  
5 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.—Section 211 of the Depart-  
6 ment of Commerce and Related Agencies Appropriations  
7 Act, 1999 (as contained in section 101(b) of division A  
8 of Public Law 105–277; 112 Stat. 2681–88) is repealed.

9           (i) SUGAR QUOTA PROHIBITION UNDER FOOD SECU-  
10 RITY ACT OF 1985.—Subsection (c) of section 902 of the  
11 Food Security Act of 1985 (Public Law 99–198; 99 Stat.  
12 1444) is repealed.

13 **SEC. 3. TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND FACILI-**  
14 **TIES.**

15           (a) IN GENERAL.—Any common carrier, as defined  
16 in section 3 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47  
17 U.S.C. 153), may install, maintain, and repair tele-  
18 communications equipment and facilities in Cuba, and  
19 otherwise provide telecommunications services between the  
20 United States and Cuba.

21           (b) UPGRADE OF FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT.—  
22 The authority under subsection (a) includes the authority  
23 to upgrade facilities and equipment.

1 **SEC. 4. TRAVEL.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Travel to and from Cuba by indi-  
3 viduals who are citizens or residents of the United States,  
4 and any transactions ordinarily incident to such travel,  
5 may not be regulated or prohibited if that travel would  
6 be lawful in the United States.

7 (b) TRANSACTIONS INCIDENT TO TRAVEL.—Trans-  
8 actions ordinarily incident to travel that may not be regu-  
9 lated or prohibited under subsection (a) include the fol-  
10 lowing:

11 (1) Transactions ordinarily incident to travel or  
12 maintenance in Cuba.

13 (2) Normal banking transactions involving for-  
14 eign currency drafts, traveler's checks, or other ne-  
15 gotiable instruments incident to that travel.

16 **SEC. 5. NEGOTIATIONS WITH CUBA.**

17 (a) NEGOTIATIONS.—The President should take all  
18 necessary steps to advance negotiations with the Govern-  
19 ment of Cuba—

20 (1) for the purpose of settling claims of nation-  
21 als of the United States against the Government of  
22 Cuba for the taking of property by such government;  
23 and

24 (2) for the purpose of securing the protection of  
25 internationally recognized human rights.

1 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “na-  
2 tional of the United States” and “property” have the  
3 meanings given those terms in section 502 of the Inter-  
4 national Claims Settlement Act of 1949 (22 U.S.C.  
5 1643a).

6 **SEC. 6. EXTENSION OF NONDISCRIMINATORY TRADE**  
7 **TREATMENT.**

8 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—It is the sense of the Con-  
10 gress that—

11 (A) the United States should promote  
12 democratic change and economic reform by nor-  
13 malizing trade relations with Cuba; and

14 (B) upon the enactment of this Act, it will  
15 no longer be necessary for the United States to  
16 continue to use article XXI of the GATT 1994  
17 with respect to Cuba, understanding that the  
18 President retains full authority to invoke article  
19 XXI of the GATT 1994 and comparable provi-  
20 sions in other Uruguay Round Agreements in  
21 the future in all appropriate circumstances.

22 (2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the  
23 terms “GATT 1994” and “Uruguay Round Agree-  
24 ments” have the meanings given those terms in sec-

1           tion 2 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (19  
2           U.S.C. 3501).

3           (b) EXTENSION OF NONDISCRIMINATORY TREAT-  
4           MENT TO THE PRODUCTS OF CUBA.—

5           (1) HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE AMEND-  
6           MENTS.—Subdivision (b) of general note 3 of the  
7           Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is  
8           amended—

9                   (A) by striking “to section 401 of the Tar-  
10                   iff Classification Act of 1962,”; and

11                   (B) by striking “Cuba”.

12           (2) REPEAL OF SECTION 401 OF THE TARIFF  
13           CLASSIFICATION ACT OF 1962.—Section 401 of the  
14           Tariff Classification Act of 1962 (Public Law 87–  
15           456; 76 Stat. 78) is repealed.

16           (3) TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV  
17           OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 TO CUBA.—

18                   (A) EXTENSION OF NONDISCRIMINATORY  
19                   TREATMENT.—Nondiscriminatory treatment  
20                   (normal trade relations treatment) shall apply  
21                   to the products of Cuba.

22                   (B) TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF  
23                   TITLE IV.—Title IV of the Trade Act of 1974  
24                   (19 U.S.C. 2431 et seq.) shall cease to apply to  
25                   Cuba.

1           (4) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section, and the  
2           amendments made by this section, shall apply with  
3           respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from ware-  
4           house for consumption, on or after the 15th day  
5           after the date of the enactment of this Act.

6           (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The President shall  
7           submit to Congress, not later than 18 months after the  
8           date of the enactment of this Act, a report on trade rela-  
9           tions between the United States and Cuba.

10 **SEC. 7. PROHIBITION ON LIMITING ANNUAL REMITTANCES.**

11           (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection  
12           (b), the Secretary of the Treasury may not limit the  
13           amount of remittances to Cuba that may be made by any  
14           person who is subject to the jurisdiction of the United  
15           States, and the Secretary shall rescind all regulations in  
16           effect on the date of the enactment of this Act that so  
17           limit the amount of those remittances.

18           (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in sub-  
19           section (a) may be construed to prohibit the prosecution  
20           or conviction of any person committing an offense de-  
21           scribed in section 1956 of title 18, United States Code  
22           (relating to the laundering of monetary instruments), or  
23           section 1957 of such title (relating to engaging in mone-  
24           etary transactions in property derived from specific unlaw-  
25           ful activity).

1 **SEC. 8. REQUIREMENT TO REPORT TO CONGRESS PRIOR**  
2 **TO DENIAL OF FOREIGN TAX CREDIT WITH**  
3 **RESPECT TO CERTAIN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subclause (II) of section  
5 901(j)(2)(B)(i) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is  
6 amended by striking “such country becomes” and insert-  
7 ing “the date on which the President reports to Congress  
8 that such country has been determined to be”.

9 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),  
11 the amendment made by this section shall apply to  
12 any determination regarding whether a foreign coun-  
13 try is described in subparagraph (A) of section  
14 901(j)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986  
15 which is made after the date of the enactment of  
16 this Act.

17 (2) NON-APPLICATION TO COUNTRIES SUBJECT  
18 TO DENIAL OF FOREIGN TAX CREDIT.—Nothing in  
19 this section, or the amendment made by this section,  
20 shall be construed to alter, amend, or otherwise af-  
21 fect the application of subsection (j) of section 901  
22 of such Code to any country which has been deter-  
23 mined to be a country described in paragraph (2)(A)  
24 of such subsection on or before the date of the en-  
25 actment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2       Except as provided in sections 6 and 8, this Act and  
3 the amendments made by this Act shall take effect on the  
4 date that is 60 days after the date of the enactment of  
5 this Act.

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