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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. McGOVERN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

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”.

6 SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF PROVISIONS RESTRICTING TRADE

7 AND OTHER RELATIONS WITH CUBA.

8 (a) AUTHORITY FOR EMBARGO AND SUGAR
9 QUOTA.—

8 (b) TRADING WITH THE ENEMY ACT.—

22 (c) EXERCISE OF AUTHORITIES UNDER OTHER PRO-
23 VISIONS OF LAW.—

24 (1) REMO

25 tion on exports to Cuba that is in effect on the day

1 before the effective date of this Act under the Ex-
2 port Administration Act of 1979 (Public Law 96-
3 72; 93 Stat. 503) or the Export Control Reform Act
4 of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4801 et seq.) shall cease to be
5 effective on such effective date.

6 (2) AUTHORITY FOR NEW RESTRICTIONS.—The
7 President may, on and after the effective date of this
8 Act—

9 (A) impose export controls with respect to
10 Cuba under the Export Control Reform Act of
11 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4801 et seq.); and

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

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 is repealed.

1 (e) REPEAL OF CUBAN LIBERTY AND DEMOCRATIC
2 SOLIDARITY (LIBERTAD) ACT OF 1996.—

6 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

10 (i) by striking subparagraph (K); and
11 (ii) by redesignating subparagraphs
12 (L) through (P) as subparagraphs (K)
13 through (O), respectively.

14 (B) EFFECT OF DETERMINATION.—Section 606 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and
15 Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (Public
16 Law 104-208; 8 U.S.C. 1255 note) is repealed.
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18 (C) PROPERTY IMMUNE FROM ATTACH-
19 MENT.—Section 1611 of title 28, United States
20 Code, is amended by striking subsection (c).

21 (D) INTERNATIONAL CLAIMS.—Sections
22 514 and 515 of the International Claims Settle-
23 ment Act of 1949 (22 U.S.C. 1643l and
24 1643m) are repealed.

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

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

11 (B) in subsection (b)—

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

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

15 (iii) by redesignating paragraph (6) as
16 paragraph (5); and

17 (C) by striking subsection (d).

22 (g) TRADE SANCTIONS REFORM AND EXPORT EN-
23 HANCEMENT ACT OF 2000.—The Trade Sanctions Re-
24 form and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C.
25 7201 et seq.) is amended—

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

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

11 **SEC. 3. TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND FACILI-
12 TIES.**

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

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

22 **SEC. 4. TRAVEL.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Travel to and from Cuba by indi-
24 viduals who are citizens or residents of the United States,
25 and any transactions ordinarily incident to such travel,

1 may not be regulated or prohibited if that travel would
2 be lawful in the United States.

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

7 (1) Transactions ordinarily incident to travel or
8 maintenance in Cuba.

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

12 **SEC. 5. NEGOTIATIONS WITH CUBA.**

13 (a) NEGOTIATIONS.—The President should take all
14 necessary steps to advance negotiations with the Govern-
15 ment of Cuba—

16 (1) for the purpose of settling claims of nation-
17 als of the United States against the Government of
18 Cuba for the taking of property by such government;
19 and

20 (2) for the purpose of securing the protection of
21 internationally recognized human rights.

22 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “na-
23 tional of the United States” and “property” have the
24 meanings given those terms in section 502 of the Inter-

1 national Claims Settlement Act of 1949 (22 U.S.C.
2 1643a).

3 **SEC. 6. EXTENSION OF NONDISCRIMINATORY TRADE
4 TREATMENT.**

5 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—

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

8 (A) the United States should promote
9 democratic change and economic reform by nor-
10 malizing trade relations with Cuba; and

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

19 (2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the
20 terms “GATT 1994” and “Uruguay Round Agree-
21 ments” have the meanings given those terms in sec-
22 tion 2 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (19
23 U.S.C. 3501).

24 (b) EXTENSION OF NONDISCRIMINATORY TREAT-
25 MENT TO THE PRODUCTS OF CUBA.—

5 (A) by striking “to section 401 of the Tar-
6 iff Classification Act of 1962.”; and

7 (B) by striking “Cuba”.

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

18 (B) TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF
19 TITLE IV.—Title IV of the Trade Act of 1974
20 (19 U.S.C. 2431 et seq.) shall cease to apply to
21 Cuba.

22 (4) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section, and the
23 amendments made by this section, shall apply with
24 respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from ware-

1 house for consumption, on or after the 15th day
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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

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

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

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