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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MOSKOWITZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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 “Venezuela Democratic  
5 Transition Strategy Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. STRATEGY TO SUPPORT A DEMOCRATIC TRANSI-**  
7 **TION IN VENEZUELA.**

8 (a) STRATEGY.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
3 retary of State shall submit to the appropriate con-  
4 gressional committees a comprehensive strategy to  
5 support a democratic transition in the Bolivarian  
6 Republic of Venezuela.

7           (2) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required under  
8 paragraph (1) shall include—

9                   (A) a description of United States diplo-  
10 matic efforts to support a democratic transition  
11 in Venezuela;

12                   (B) a plan to prioritize the release of all  
13 individuals arbitrarily detained in Venezuela, in-  
14 cluding through diplomatic engagement, coordi-  
15 nation with international partners, and support  
16 for monitoring and documenting cases of polit-  
17 ical detention;

18                   (C) a description of United States efforts  
19 to curb foreign authoritarian influence, includ-  
20 ing the influence of the Republic of Cuba, the  
21 Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of  
22 Iran, and the People’s Republic of China, with-  
23 in the military, security services, and govern-  
24 ment of Venezuela;

1 (D) a plan for the use of United States  
2 foreign assistance to support the Venezuelan  
3 people, including humanitarian assistance, de-  
4 mocracy and governance programming, and ef-  
5 forts to strengthen access to basic services; and

6 (E) a description of efforts to support Ven-  
7 zuelan civil society, including independent  
8 media, human rights defenders, independent  
9 journalists, and other nongovernmental actors  
10 working to advance democracy, the rule of law,  
11 and accountability for atrocities and gross viola-  
12 tions of internationally recognized human  
13 rights.

14 (b) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after  
15 the date of the submission of the strategy required in sub-  
16 section (a), and annually thereafter for 2 years, the Sec-  
17 retary shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-  
18 mittees a report describing progress made in implementing  
19 such strategy and any recommended changes to such  
20 strategy.

21 (c) CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATION.—The Sec-  
22 retary shall consult with the appropriate congressional  
23 committees on a semi-annual basis regarding the strategy  
24 required in subsection (a) and the implementation of such  
25 strategy.

1 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES

2 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-

3 gressional committees” means—

4 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the  
5 House of Representatives; and

6 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the  
7 Senate.