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To support the people of Central America and strengthen United States national security by addressing the root causes of migration from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.

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Mr. ENGEL (for himself, Mr. McCAUL, Mr. SIRES, Mr. ROONEY of Florida, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mrs. WAGNER, and Mr. CUELLAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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 support the people of Central America and strengthen United States national security by addressing the root causes of migration from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “United States-Northern Triangle Enhanced Engagement  
6 Act”.

1 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for  
 2 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Report on drivers of migration from the Northern Triangle to the United States.
- Sec. 3. Actions to promote inclusive economic growth and development in the Northern Triangle.
- Sec. 4. Actions to combat corruption in the Northern Triangle.
- Sec. 5. Actions to strengthen democratic institutions in the Northern Triangle.
- Sec. 6. Actions to improve security conditions in the Northern Triangle.
- Sec. 7. Authorization of appropriations for assistance to Central America.
- Sec. 8. Conditions on assistance to the Northern Triangle.
- Sec. 9. Enhancing engagement with the Government of Mexico on the Northern Triangle.
- Sec. 10. Targeting assistance to address migration from communities in the Northern Triangle.
- Sec. 11. Targeted sanctions to fight corruption in the Northern Triangle.
- Sec. 12. Requirement to provide advance notification to Congress of security assistance to Northern Triangle countries.
- Sec. 13. Definitions.

3 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON DRIVERS OF MIGRATION FROM THE**  
 4 **NORTHERN TRIANGLE TO THE UNITED**  
 5 **STATES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the  
 7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,  
 8 in coordination with the Administrator of the United  
 9 States Agency for International Development and the  
 10 heads of other relevant Federal agencies, shall submit to  
 11 the appropriate congressional committees a report on the  
 12 drivers of migration from each of the Northern Triangle  
 13 countries and the progress United States foreign assist-  
 14 ance is making in addressing such drivers.

15 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under sub-  
 16 section (a) shall include the following elements for each  
 17 of the Northern Triangle countries, with data

1 disaggregated by municipality, age, and gender, as nec-  
2 essary:

3           (1) Information and data on all criminal activi-  
4 ties, including drug trafficking, extortion, trafficking  
5 in persons, and gender-based violence, with par-  
6 ticular emphasis on such activities carried out by  
7 criminal gangs and transnational criminal organiza-  
8 tions such as MS-13 and the 18th Street Gang.

9           (2) Data on the extent to which criminal activi-  
10 ties referred to in paragraph (1) are reported to gov-  
11 ernment authorities and the number of perpetrators  
12 investigated, apprehended, prosecuted, or convicted,  
13 versus the number of known perpetrators who are  
14 not so investigated, apprehended, prosecuted, or con-  
15 victed.

16           (3) Data on children and young adults forcibly  
17 recruited for criminal activities referred to in para-  
18 graph (1), including the extent to which government  
19 authorities received reports of forced recruitment.

20           (4) Data on internal displacement due to crimi-  
21 nal activities referred to in paragraph (1), and serv-  
22 ices, including temporary shelters, provided to those  
23 displaced by violence.

24           (5) Data on gender-based violence by region  
25 and municipality and descriptions of gender-based

1 violence and domestic violence trends, including gen-  
2 der-based violence against indigenous women, and  
3 correlation to outward migration.

4 (6) Descriptions of the obstacles (including ca-  
5 pacity gaps within the criminal justice systems) to  
6 resolving gender-based violence cases and deterring  
7 violence against women and children.

8 (7) Information on the availability of trauma-  
9 informed legal and social services, including in shel-  
10 ters, for victims of gender-based violence.

11 (8) Data on the number of police officers, pros-  
12 ecutors, court personnel, and specialized units  
13 trained in violence against women and children, in-  
14 cluding data on the number of female police officers  
15 in each of the Northern Triangle countries.

16 (9) Data on reported cases of abuse, including  
17 extrajudicial executions, allegedly committed by  
18 members of the security forces, and collusion be-  
19 tween members of such security forces and gangs  
20 and other criminal groups, including transnational  
21 criminal organizations, and the number of perpetra-  
22 tors investigated, apprehended, prosecuted, or con-  
23 victed, versus the number of known perpetrators not  
24 so investigated, apprehended, prosecuted, or con-  
25 victed.

1           (10) Descriptions of the strategies being imple-  
2           mented to address forced recruitment of children  
3           and youth by gangs, transnational criminal organiza-  
4           tions, and other criminal groups, and how such  
5           strategies are complemented by United States ef-  
6           forts.

7           (11) Descriptions of the strategies being imple-  
8           mented by the governments of each of the Northern  
9           Triangle countries to address corruption and orga-  
10          nized crime and how such strategies are com-  
11          plemented by United States efforts.

12          (12) Data on the effectiveness of anti-corrup-  
13          tion strategies, including through bilateral and mul-  
14          tilateral anti-corruption assistance.

15          (13) An assessment of the extent of corruption,  
16          including regarding narcotics trafficking and illicit  
17          campaign financing, a description of steps taken and  
18          to be taken to impose sanctions pursuant to the  
19          Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act  
20          (22 U.S.C. 2656 note), and a list of senior officials  
21          who are known or credibly alleged to have committed  
22          or facilitated such corruption, not including individ-  
23          uals who have already been sentenced to crimes in  
24          criminal courts.

1           (14) Descriptions of operating conditions for  
2 civil society organizations and independent media in  
3 each of the Northern Triangle countries, and data  
4 on harassment and attacks on civil society and inde-  
5 pendent media from political and criminal actors.

6           (15) An assessment of information sharing re-  
7 garding known or suspected terrorists and other in-  
8 dividuals and groups that pose a potential threat to  
9 United States national security that are crossing  
10 through or residing in the Northern Triangle.

11          (16) Descriptions of the obstacles (including ca-  
12 pacity gaps within the criminal justice systems) to  
13 resolving criminal cases and corruption and deter-  
14 ring violence.

15          (17) Data on the capacity of child welfare sys-  
16 tems in each Northern Triangle country to protect  
17 unaccompanied children, including runaways and  
18 refugee returnees.

19          (18) Data on the governance capacity of North-  
20 ern Triangle country governments at the local and  
21 national level, including ability to deliver basic cit-  
22 izen services, including tax collection and citizen se-  
23 curity.

24          (19) Data on the rates of extortion, the impact  
25 of extortion on local businesses and economies, and

1 the number of extortion cases investigated, pros-  
2 ecuted, or convicted.

3 (20) Data on the extent to which the Northern  
4 Triangle governments are promoting economic  
5 growth, improving health outcomes, and addressing  
6 the underlying causes of poverty and inequality  
7 through public policies.

8 (21) Data on the activities of China and Rus-  
9 sia, an assessment of the threat of such activities to  
10 United States interests, and the impact of such ac-  
11 tivities on irregular migration.

12 (c) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The report required  
13 under subsection (a) shall be made publicly available on  
14 the website of the Department of State.

15 **SEC. 3. ACTIONS TO PROMOTE INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC**  
16 **GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE NORTH-**  
17 **ERN TRIANGLE.**

18 (a) SECRETARY OF STATE PRIORITIZATION.—The  
19 Secretary of State shall prioritize economic development  
20 in the Northern Triangle countries by carrying out the fol-  
21 lowing initiatives:

22 (1) Supporting market-based solutions to elimi-  
23 nate constraints to inclusive economic growth, in-  
24 cluding through support for increased digital  
25 connectivity and the use of financial technology, and

1 private sector and civil society-led efforts to create  
2 jobs and foster economic prosperity.

3 (2) Addressing underlying causes of poverty  
4 and inequality.

5 (3) Responding to immediate humanitarian  
6 needs by increasing humanitarian assistance, includ-  
7 ing through access to clean water, sanitation, hy-  
8 giene, and shelter, and by providing health resources  
9 and improving food security.

10 (4) Supporting community resilience and  
11 strengthening community preparedness for natural  
12 disasters and other external shocks.

13 (5) Identifying, as appropriate, a role for the  
14 United States International Development Finance  
15 Corporation, the Millennium Challenge Corporation  
16 (MCC), the United States Agency for International  
17 Development, and the United States private sector  
18 in supporting efforts to increase private sector in-  
19 vestment and strengthen economic prosperity.

20 (6) Expanding comprehensive reintegration  
21 mechanisms for repatriated individuals once re-  
22 turned to their countries of origin and supporting ef-  
23 forts by the private sector to hire and train eligible  
24 returnees.

1           (7) Establishing monitoring and verification  
2           services to determine the well-being of repatriated  
3           children in order to determine if United States pro-  
4           tection and screening functioned effectively in identi-  
5           fying persecuted and trafficked children.

6           (8) Supporting efforts to increase domestic re-  
7           source mobilization, including through strengthening  
8           of tax collection and enforcement and legal arbitra-  
9           tion mechanisms.

10          (b) STRATEGY.—

11           (1) ELEMENTS.—Not later than 90 days after  
12           the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
13           of State, in coordination with the Administrator of  
14           the United States Agency for International Develop-  
15           ment, the President and Chief Executive Officer of  
16           the Inter-American Foundation, the Director of the  
17           United States Trade and Development Agency, the  
18           Chief Executive Officer of the United States Inter-  
19           national Development Finance Corporation, and the  
20           heads of other relevant Federal agencies, shall sub-  
21           mit to the appropriate congressional committees a  
22           five-year strategy to support inclusive economic  
23           growth and development in the Northern Triangle  
24           countries by carrying out the initiatives described in  
25           subsection (a).

1           (2) CONSULTATION.—In developing the strat-  
2       egy required under paragraph (1), the Secretary of  
3       State shall consult with nongovernmental organiza-  
4       tions in the Northern Triangle countries and the  
5       United States.

6           (3) BENCHMARKS.—The strategy required  
7       under paragraph (1) shall include annual bench-  
8       marks to track the strategy’s progress in curbing ir-  
9       regular migration from the Northern Triangle to the  
10      United States.

11          (4) PUBLIC DIPLOMACY.—The strategy re-  
12      quired under paragraph (1) shall include a public di-  
13      plomacy strategy for educating citizens of the North-  
14      ern Triangle countries about United States assist-  
15      ance and its benefits to them, and informing such  
16      citizens of the dangers of illegal migration to the  
17      United States.

18          (5) ANNUAL PROGRESS UPDATES.—Not later  
19      than one year after the submission of the strategy  
20      required under paragraph (1) and annually there-  
21      after for four years, the Secretary of State shall pro-  
22      vide the appropriate congressional committees with a  
23      written description of progress made in meeting the  
24      benchmarks established in the strategy.

1           (6) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The strategy re-  
2       quired under paragraph (1) shall be made publicly  
3       available on the website of the Department of State.

4       (c) REPORT ON ESTABLISHING AN INVESTMENT  
5       FUND FOR THE NORTHERN TRIANGLE COUNTRIES AND  
6       SOUTHERN MEXICO.—Not later than 180 days after the  
7       date of the enactment of this Act, the Chief Executive Of-  
8       ficer of the United States International Development Fi-  
9       nance Corporation shall submit to the appropriate con-  
10      gressional committees a detailed report assessing the fea-  
11      sibility, costs, and benefits of the Corporation establishing  
12      an investment fund to promote economic and social devel-  
13      opment in the Northern Triangle countries and southern  
14      Mexico.

15   **SEC. 4. ACTIONS TO COMBAT CORRUPTION IN THE NORTH-**  
16                           **ERN TRIANGLE.**

17       (a) SECRETARY OF STATE PRIORITIZATION.—The  
18      Secretary of State shall prioritize efforts to combat cor-  
19      ruption in the Northern Triangle countries by carrying out  
20      the following initiatives:

21           (1) Supporting anti-corruption efforts, includ-  
22      ing by strengthening national justice systems and at-  
23      torneys general, providing technical assistance to fi-  
24      nancial institutions to identify money laundering and

1       other financial crimes, and supporting independent  
2       media and investigative reporting.

3           (2) Supporting anti-corruption efforts through  
4       bilateral assistance and complementary support  
5       through multilateral anti-corruption mechanisms  
6       when necessary.

7           (3) Encouraging cooperation agreements be-  
8       tween the Department of State and relevant United  
9       States Government agencies and attorneys general  
10      to fight corruption.

11          (4) Supporting efforts to strengthen special  
12      prosecutorial offices and financial institutions to  
13      combat corruption, money laundering, financial  
14      crimes, extortion, human rights crimes, asset for-  
15      feiture, and criminal analysis.

16          (5) Supporting initiatives to advance judicial in-  
17      tegrity and improve security for members of the ju-  
18      dicial sector.

19          (6) Supporting transparent, merit-based selec-  
20      tion processes for prosecutors and judges and the  
21      development of professional and merit-based civil  
22      services.

23          (7) Supporting the establishment or strength-  
24      ening of methods, procedures, and expectations for

1 internal and external control mechanisms for the se-  
2 curity and police services and judiciary.

3 (8) Supporting the adoption of appropriate  
4 technologies to combat corruption in public finance.

5 (b) STRATEGY.—

6 (1) ELEMENTS.—Not later than 90 days after  
7 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
8 of State, in coordination with the Administrator of  
9 the United States Agency for International Develop-  
10 ment and the heads of other relevant Federal agen-  
11 cies, shall submit to the appropriate congressional  
12 committees a five-year strategy to combat corruption  
13 in the Northern Triangle countries by carrying out  
14 the initiatives described in subsection (a).

15 (2) CONSULTATION.—In developing the strat-  
16 egy required under paragraph (1), the Secretary of  
17 State shall consult with nongovernmental organiza-  
18 tions in the Northern Triangle countries and the  
19 United States.

20 (3) BENCHMARKS.—The strategy required  
21 under paragraph (1) shall include annual bench-  
22 marks to track the strategy's progress in curbing ir-  
23 regular migration from the Northern Triangle to the  
24 United States.

1           (4) PUBLIC DIPLOMACY.—The strategy re-  
2       quired under paragraph (1) shall include a public di-  
3       plomacy strategy for educating citizens of the North-  
4       ern Triangle countries about United States assist-  
5       ance and its benefits to them, and informing such  
6       citizens of the dangers of illegal migration to the  
7       United States.

8           (5) ANNUAL PROGRESS UPDATES.—Not later  
9       than one year after the submission of the strategy  
10      required under paragraph (1) and annually there-  
11      after for four years, the Secretary of State shall pro-  
12      vide the appropriate congressional committees with a  
13      written description of progress made in meeting the  
14      benchmarks established in the strategy.

15          (6) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The strategy re-  
16      quired under paragraph (1) shall be made publicly  
17      available on the website of the Department of State.

18          (c) DESIGNATION OF A SENIOR RULE OF LAW ADVI-  
19      SOR FOR THE NORTHERN TRIANGLE IN THE BUREAU OF  
20      WESTERN HEMISPHERE AFFAIRS.—The Secretary of  
21      State shall designate in the Bureau of Western Hemi-  
22      sphere Affairs of the Department of State a Senior Rule  
23      of Law Advisor for the Northern Triangle who shall lead  
24      diplomatic engagement with the Northern Triangle coun-  
25      tries in support of democratic governance, anti-corruption

1 efforts, and the rule of law in all aspects of United States  
2 policy towards the countries of the Northern Triangle, in-  
3 cluding carrying out the initiatives described in subsection  
4 (a) and developing the strategy required under subsection  
5 (b). The individual designated in accordance with this sub-  
6 section shall be a Department of State employee in the  
7 Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs.

8 **SEC. 5. ACTIONS TO STRENGTHEN DEMOCRATIC INSTITU-**  
9 **TIONS IN THE NORTHERN TRIANGLE.**

10 (a) SECRETARY OF STATE PRIORITIZATION.—The  
11 Secretary of State shall prioritize strengthening demo-  
12 cratic institutions, good governance, human rights, and  
13 the rule of law in the Northern Triangle countries by car-  
14 rying out the following initiatives:

15 (1) Providing support to strengthen government  
16 institutions and actors at the local and national lev-  
17 els to provide services and respond to citizen needs  
18 through transparent, inclusive, and democratic proc-  
19 esses.

20 (2) Supporting efforts to strengthen access to  
21 information laws and reform laws that currently  
22 limit access to information.

23 (3) Financing efforts to build the capacity of  
24 independent media with a specific focus on profes-  
25 sional investigative journalism.

1           (4) Ensuring that threats and attacks on jour-  
2           nalists and human rights defenders are fully inves-  
3           tigated and perpetrators are held accountable.

4           (5) Developing the capacity of civil society to  
5           conduct oversight and accountability mechanisms at  
6           the national and local levels.

7           (6) Training political actors committed to  
8           democratic principles.

9           (7) Strengthening electoral institutions and  
10          processes to ensure free, fair, and transparent elec-  
11          tions.

12          (8) Advancing conservation principles and the  
13          rule of law to address multiple factors, including the  
14          impacts of illegal cattle ranching and smuggling as  
15          drivers of deforestation.

16       (b) STRATEGY.—

17           (1) ELEMENTS.—Not later than 90 days after  
18          the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
19          of State, in coordination with the Administrator of  
20          the United States Agency for International Develop-  
21          ment and the heads of other relevant Federal agen-  
22          cies, shall submit to the appropriate congressional  
23          committees a strategy to support democratic govern-  
24          ance in the Northern Triangle countries by carrying  
25          out the initiatives described in subsection (a).

1           (2) CONSULTATION.—In developing the strat-  
2       egy required under paragraph (1), the Secretary of  
3       State shall consult with nongovernmental organiza-  
4       tions in the Northern Triangle countries and the  
5       United States.

6           (3) BENCHMARKS.—The strategy required  
7       under paragraph (1) shall include annual bench-  
8       marks to track the strategy’s progress in curbing ir-  
9       regular migration from the Northern Triangle to the  
10      United States.

11          (4) PUBLIC DIPLOMACY.—The strategy re-  
12      quired under paragraph (1) shall include a public di-  
13      plomacy strategy for educating citizens of the North-  
14      ern Triangle countries about United States assist-  
15      ance and its benefits to them, and informing such  
16      citizens of the dangers of illegal migration to the  
17      United States.

18          (5) ANNUAL PROGRESS UPDATES.—Not later  
19      than one year after the submission of the strategy  
20      required under paragraph (1) and annually there-  
21      after for four years, the Secretary of State shall pro-  
22      vide the appropriate congressional committees with a  
23      written description of progress made in meeting the  
24      benchmarks established in the strategy.

1           (6) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The strategy re-  
2       quired under paragraph (1) shall be made publicly  
3       available on the website of the Department of State.

4 **SEC. 6. ACTIONS TO IMPROVE SECURITY CONDITIONS IN**  
5 **THE NORTHERN TRIANGLE.**

6       (a) SECRETARY OF STATE PRIORITIZATION.—The  
7 Secretary of State shall prioritize security in the Northern  
8 Triangle countries by carrying out the following initiatives:

9           (1) Implementing the Central America Regional  
10 Security Initiative of the Department of State.

11          (2) Continuing the vetting and professionaliza-  
12 tion of security services, including the civilian police  
13 and military units.

14          (3) Supporting efforts to combat the illicit ac-  
15 tivities of criminal gangs and transnational criminal  
16 organizations, including MS-13 and the 18th Street  
17 Gang, through support to fully vetted elements of at-  
18 torneys general offices, appropriate government in-  
19 stitutions, and security services.

20          (4) Supporting training for fully vetted civilian  
21 police and appropriate security services in criminal  
22 investigations, best practices for citizen security, and  
23 human rights.

24          (5) Providing capacity-building to relevant secu-  
25 rity services and attorneys general to support coun-

1       ternarcotics efforts and combat human trafficking,  
2       gender-based violence, and other illicit activities.

3           (6) Encouraging collaboration with regional and  
4       international partners in implementing security as-  
5       sistance, including by supporting cross-border infor-  
6       mation sharing on gangs and transnational criminal  
7       organizations.

8           (7) Providing equipment, technology, tools, and  
9       training to security services to assist in border and  
10      port inspections.

11          (8) Providing equipment, technology, tools, and  
12      training to assist security services in counter-  
13      narcotics and other efforts to combat illicit activities.

14          (9) Continuing information sharing regarding  
15      known or suspected terrorists and other individuals  
16      and entities that pose a potential threat to United  
17      States national security that are crossing through or  
18      residing in the Northern Triangle.

19          (10) Supporting information sharing on gangs  
20      and transnational criminal organizations between  
21      relevant Federal, State, and local law enforcement  
22      and the governments of the Northern Triangle coun-  
23      tries.

24          (11) Considering the use of assets and re-  
25      sources of United States State and local government

1 entities, as appropriate, to support the activities de-  
2 scribed in this subsection.

3 (12) Providing thorough end-use monitoring of  
4 equipment, technology, tools, and training provided  
5 pursuant to this subsection.

6 (b) STRATEGY.—

7 (1) ELEMENTS.—Not later than 90 days after  
8 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
9 of State, in coordination with the Administrator of  
10 the United States Agency for International Develop-  
11 ment and the heads of other relevant Federal agen-  
12 cies, shall submit to the appropriate congressional  
13 committees a five-year strategy to prioritize the im-  
14 provement of security in the Northern Triangle  
15 countries by carrying out the initiatives described in  
16 subsection (a).

17 (2) CONSULTATION.—In developing the strat-  
18 egy required under paragraph (1), the Secretary of  
19 State shall consult with nongovernmental organiza-  
20 tions in the Northern Triangle countries and the  
21 United States.

22 (3) BENCHMARKS.—The strategy required  
23 under paragraph (1) shall include annual bench-  
24 marks to track the strategy's progress in curbing ir-

1 regular migration from the Northern Triangle to the  
2 United States.

3 (4) PUBLIC DIPLOMACY.—The strategy re-  
4 quired under paragraph (1) shall include a public di-  
5 plomacy strategy for educating citizens of the North-  
6 ern Triangle countries about United States assist-  
7 ance and its benefits to them, and informing such  
8 citizens of the dangers of illegal migration to the  
9 United States.

10 (5) ANNUAL PROGRESS UPDATES.—Not later  
11 than one year after the submission of the strategy  
12 required under paragraph (1) and annually there-  
13 after for four years, the Secretary of State shall pro-  
14 vide the appropriate congressional committees with a  
15 written description of progress made in meeting the  
16 benchmarks established in the strategy.

17 (6) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The strategy re-  
18 quired under paragraph (1) shall be made publicly  
19 available on the website of the Department of State.

20 **SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR ASSIST-**  
21 **ANCE TO CENTRAL AMERICA.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-  
23 priated to the President \$577,000,000 for fiscal year 2020  
24 to carry out the United States Strategy for Engagement  
25 in Central America in accordance with subsection (b).

1 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds made  
2 available to carry out this section may not be repro-  
3 grammed, transferred, or used for any purposes not spe-  
4 cifically authorized in subsection (b).

5 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts authorized to be ap-  
6 propriated pursuant to subsection (a) shall be made avail-  
7 able for assistance to Central American countries to imple-  
8 ment the United States Strategy for Engagement in Cen-  
9 tral America, including efforts to carry out sections 3, 4,  
10 5, and 6.

11 (c) INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION.—Not less than  
12 \$10,000,000 of the funds authorized to be appropriated  
13 pursuant to subsection (a) shall be made available to the  
14 Inter-American Foundation to address the root causes of  
15 migration from Central America.

16 (d) NORTHERN TRIANGLE.—Not less than  
17 \$490,000,000 of the funds authorized to be appropriated  
18 pursuant to subsection (a) shall be made available for pro-  
19 gramming in the Northern Triangle countries.

20 **SEC. 8. CONDITIONS ON ASSISTANCE TO THE NORTHERN**  
21 **TRIANGLE.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds authorized to be ap-  
23 propriated to the President by this Act that are made  
24 available for assistance for each of the central govern-  
25 ments of the Northern Triangle countries, 50 percent of

1 such funds for each such central government may only be  
2 obligated with respect to each such country after the Sec-  
3 retary of State certifies and reports to the appropriate  
4 congressional committees that such central government is  
5 demonstrating progress in the following:

6           (1) Informing its citizens of the dangers of the  
7 journey to the southwest border of the United  
8 States.

9           (2) Combating all human smuggling and traf-  
10 ficking entities.

11           (3) Countering the trafficking of illicit drugs,  
12 firearms, and other contraband.

13           (4) Combating corruption, including inves-  
14 tigating and prosecuting current and former govern-  
15 ment officials credibly alleged to be corrupt.

16           (5) Implementing reforms, policies, and pro-  
17 grams to increase transparency and strengthen pub-  
18 lic institutions and the rule of law.

19           (6) Countering the activities of criminal gangs,  
20 drug traffickers, and transnational criminal organi-  
21 zations.

22           (7) Ensuring that human rights are respected  
23 by national security forces.

1           (8) Investigating and prosecuting in the civilian  
2 justice system government personnel who are  
3 credibly alleged to have violated human rights.

4           (9) Cooperating with commissions against cor-  
5 ruption and impunity and with regional human  
6 rights entities.

7           (10) Supporting programs to reduce poverty,  
8 expand education and vocational training for at-risk  
9 youth, create jobs, and promote equitable economic  
10 growth, particularly in areas contributing to large  
11 numbers of migrants.

12           (11) Creating a professional, accountable civil-  
13 ian police force and ending the role of the military  
14 in internal policing.

15           (12) Protecting the right of political opposition  
16 parties and other members of civil society to operate  
17 without interference.

18           (13) Implementing tax reforms, ensuring prop-  
19 erty rights, and supporting increased private invest-  
20 ment in the region.

21           (14) Resolving commercial disputes.

22       (b) REPROGRAMMING.—

23           (1) IN GENERAL.—Funds withheld pursuant to  
24 the limitation described in subsection (a) shall be  
25 made available for programs in the Northern Tri-

1 angle that do not directly support the central gov-  
2 ernments of such countries.

3 (2) EXCEPTION.—The limitation described in  
4 subsection (a) does not apply to funds authorized to  
5 be appropriated by this Act for humanitarian assist-  
6 ance or global food security programs.

7 **SEC. 9. ENHANCING ENGAGEMENT WITH THE GOVERN-**  
8 **MENT OF MEXICO ON THE NORTHERN TRI-**  
9 **ANGLE.**

10 (a) ENHANCED ENGAGEMENT WITH THE GOVERN-  
11 MENT OF MEXICO ON THE NORTHERN TRIANGLE.—The  
12 Secretary of State shall collaborate with the Government  
13 of Mexico to—

14 (1) enhance development, particularly in col-  
15 laboration with the Administrator of the United  
16 States Agency for International Development, the  
17 President and Chief Executive Officer of the Inter-  
18 American Foundation, the Chief Executive Officer of  
19 the United States International Development Fi-  
20 nance Corporation, and the heads of other relevant  
21 Federal agencies, in southern Mexico; and

22 (2) strengthen security cooperation at Mexico's  
23 shared border with Guatemala and Belize.

24 (b) STRATEGY.—

1           (1) ELEMENTS.—Not later than 90 days after  
2           the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
3           of State shall submit to the appropriate congressional  
4           committees a strategy to carry out the collaboration  
5           described in subsection (a).

6           (2) CONSULTATION.—In developing the strategy  
7           required under paragraph (1), the Secretary of  
8           State shall consult with nongovernmental organizations  
9           in Mexico, Belize, the Northern Triangle countries,  
10          and the United States.

11          (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The strategy required  
12          under paragraph (1) shall be made publicly  
13          available on the website of the Department of State.

14   **SEC. 10. TARGETING ASSISTANCE TO ADDRESS MIGRATION**  
15                   **FROM COMMUNITIES IN THE NORTHERN TRI-**  
16                   **ANGLE.**

17          Not later than one year after the date of the enact-  
18          ment of this Act and annually thereafter for each of the  
19          three succeeding years, the Comptroller General of the  
20          United States shall submit to the appropriate congressional  
21          committees a report that contains the following:

22               (1) Raw data from Federal agencies on the  
23               number of migrants coming to the United States  
24               from each community or geographic area in the  
25               Northern Triangle countries, with a specific focus on

1 communities targeted by United States foreign as-  
2 sistance.

3 (2) An assessment of whether United States  
4 foreign assistance to the Northern Triangle coun-  
5 tries is effectively reaching the communities from  
6 which individuals are migrating.

7 (3) An assessment of the extent to which  
8 United States foreign assistance is mitigating North-  
9 ern Triangle migration to the United States, includ-  
10 ing a breakdown of effectiveness by project and im-  
11 plementer.

12 (4) An assessment of the extent to which the  
13 Department of State and the United States Agency  
14 for International Development are adjusting foreign  
15 assistance programming in the Northern Triangle  
16 countries as migration patterns shift.

17 (5) An assessment of how the Department of  
18 State, the United States Agency for International  
19 Development, and other implementers of United  
20 States foreign assistance in the Northern Triangle  
21 are measuring the impact of programs on migration  
22 trends.

23 (6) An assessment of how the Department of  
24 State, the United States Agency for International  
25 Development, and other implementers of United

1 States foreign assistance in the Northern Triangle  
 2 are implementing a public diplomacy strategy that is  
 3 widely informing local citizens about United States  
 4 Government assistance and the dangers of illegal mi-  
 5 gration to the United States, including an assess-  
 6 ment of the effectiveness of such strategy on curbing  
 7 such illegal migration.

8 (7) An assessment of the extent to which the  
 9 governments of the Northern Triangle countries are  
 10 addressing drivers of migration, including efforts to  
 11 increase economic prosperity, citizen security, anti-  
 12 corruption efforts, democratic principles, and rule of  
 13 law.

14 (8) An assessment of how the Northern Tri-  
 15 angle countries are educating their citizens about  
 16 the dangers of illegal migration to the United States  
 17 and the effectiveness of such educational efforts on  
 18 curbing such illegal migration.

19 **SEC. 11. TARGETED SANCTIONS TO FIGHT CORRUPTION IN**  
 20 **THE NORTHERN TRIANGLE.**

21 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
 22 gress that—

23 (1) corruption in the Northern Triangle coun-  
 24 tries by private citizens and select officials in local,  
 25 regional, and federal governments significantly dam-

1       ages the economies of such countries and deprives  
2       citizens of opportunities;

3           (2) corruption in the Northern Triangle is fa-  
4       cilitated and carried out not only by private citizens  
5       and select officials from those countries but also in  
6       many instances by individuals from third countries;  
7       and

8           (3) imposing targeted sanctions on individuals  
9       from throughout the world and particularly in the  
10      Western Hemisphere who are engaged in acts of sig-  
11      nificant corruption that impact the Northern Tri-  
12      angle countries will benefit the citizens and govern-  
13      ments of such countries.

14      (b) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—The President shall  
15      impose the sanctions described in subsection (c) with re-  
16      spect to a person who the President determines to be en-  
17      gaged in an act of significant corruption that impacts a  
18      Northern Triangle country, including the following:

19           (1) Corruption related to government contracts.

20           (2) Bribery and extortion.

21           (3) The facilitation or transfer of the proceeds  
22      of corruption, including through money laundering.

23      (c) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—

24           (1) IN GENERAL.—The sanctions described in  
25      this subsection are the following:

1 (A) ASSET BLOCKING.—The blocking, in  
2 accordance with the International Emergency  
3 Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.),  
4 of all transactions in all property and interests  
5 in property of a foreign person if such property  
6 and interests in property are in the United  
7 States, come within the United States, or are or  
8 come within the possession or control of a  
9 United States person.

10 (B) INADMISSIBILITY TO THE UNITED  
11 STATES.—In the case of a foreign person who  
12 is an individual—

13 (i) ineligibility to receive a visa to  
14 enter the United States or to be admitted  
15 to the United States; or

16 (ii) if the individual has been issued a  
17 visa or other documentation, revocation, in  
18 accordance with section 221(i) of the Im-  
19 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
20 1201(i)), of the visa or other documenta-  
21 tion.

22 (2) PENALTIES.—A person that violates, at-  
23 tempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a  
24 violation of a measure imposed pursuant to para-  
25 graph (1)(A) or any regulation, license, or order

1 issued to carry out such paragraph shall be subject  
2 to the penalties specified in subsections (b) and (c)  
3 of section 206 of the International Emergency Eco-  
4 nomic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) to the same ex-  
5 tent as a person that commits an unlawful act de-  
6 scribed in subsection (a) of such section.

7 (3) EXCEPTION RELATING TO IMPORTATION OF  
8 GOODS.—The requirement to block and prohibit all  
9 transactions in all property and interests in property  
10 under paragraph (1)(A) does not include the author-  
11 ity to impose sanctions on the importation of goods.

12 (4) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH UNITED NA-  
13 TIONS HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT.—Sanctions  
14 under paragraph (1)(B) shall not apply to an alien  
15 if admitting such alien into the United States is nec-  
16 essary to permit the United States to comply with  
17 the Agreement regarding the Headquarters of the  
18 United Nations, signed at Lake Success June 26,  
19 1947, and entered into force November 21, 1947,  
20 between the United Nations and the United States,  
21 or other applicable international obligations.

22 (d) IMPLEMENTATION; REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—

23 (1) IMPLEMENTATION.—The President may ex-  
24 ercise all authorities provided under sections 203  
25 and 205 of the International Emergency Economic

1 Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704) to carry out  
2 this section.

3 (2) REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—The President  
4 shall issue such regulations, licenses, and orders as  
5 are necessary to carry out this section.

6 (e) NATIONAL INTEREST WAIVER.—The President  
7 may waive the application of the sanctions under sub-  
8 section (c) if the President—

9 (1) determines that such a waiver is in the na-  
10 tional interest of the United States; and

11 (2) submits to the appropriate congressional  
12 committees a notice of and justification for the waiv-  
13 er.

14 (f) TERMINATION.—The authority to impose sanc-  
15 tions under subsection (b), and any sanctions imposed  
16 pursuant to such authority, shall expire on the date that  
17 is three years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

18 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
20 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
21 mittees” means—

22 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the  
23 Committee on the Judiciary, and the Com-  
24 mittee on Financial Services of the House of  
25 Representatives; and

1 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations,  
 2 the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Com-  
 3 mittee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
 4 of the Senate.

5 (2) GOOD.—The term “good” means any arti-  
 6 cle, natural or man-made substance, material, supply  
 7 or manufactured product, including inspection and  
 8 test equipment, and excluding technical data.

9 (3) PERSON FROM A NORTHERN TRIANGLE  
 10 COUNTRY.—The term “person from a Northern Tri-  
 11 angle country” means—

12 (A) a citizen of a Northern Triangle coun-  
 13 try; or

14 (B) an entity organized under the laws of  
 15 a Northern Triangle country or any jurisdiction  
 16 within a Northern Triangle country.

17 **SEC. 12. REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE ADVANCE NOTIFICA-**  
 18 **TION TO CONGRESS OF SECURITY ASSIST-**  
 19 **ANCE TO NORTHERN TRIANGLE COUNTRIES.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
 21 sion of law, the President may not provide security assist-  
 22 ance to a Northern Triangle country during the 3-year  
 23 period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act  
 24 until 30 days after the date on which the President has

1 provided to the appropriate congressional committees no-  
2 tice of such proposed provision of security assistance.

3 (b) WAIVER.—The President may waive the applica-  
4 tion of subsection (a) on a case-by-case basis if the Presi-  
5 dent—

6 (1) determines it is in the national security in-  
7 terests of the United States to do so; and

8 (2) submits to the appropriate congressional  
9 committees such determination and the rationale for  
10 the determination.

11 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
13 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
14 mittees” means the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
15 the House of Representatives and the Committee on  
16 Foreign Relations of the Senate.

17 (2) SECURITY ASSISTANCE.—The term “secu-  
18 rity assistance”—

19 (A) has the meaning given such term in  
20 section 502B(d)(2) of the Foreign Assistance  
21 Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2304); and

22 (B) includes assistance under any inter-  
23 national security assistance program conducted  
24 under any other provision of law not specified  
25 in section 502B(d)(2) of such Act.

1 **SEC. 13. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
4 TEES.—Except as otherwise provided, the term “ap-  
5 propriate congressional committees” means—

6 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and  
7 the Committee on Appropriations of the House  
8 of Representatives; and

9 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations  
10 and the Committee on Appropriations of the  
11 Senate.

12 (2) NORTHERN TRIANGLE.—The term “North-  
13 ern Triangle” means the region of Central America  
14 that encompasses the countries of El Salvador, Gua-  
15 temala, and Honduras.

16 (3) NORTHERN TRIANGLE COUNTRIES.—The  
17 term “Northern Triangle countries” means the  
18 countries of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.

19 (4) TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL ORGANIZA-  
20 TION.—The term “transnational criminal organiza-  
21 tion” has the meaning given the term “significant  
22 transnational criminal organization” in Executive  
23 Order 13581 (July 24, 2011).

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