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116<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. SHALALA 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the "Venezuela Arms Re-  
3 striction Act".

4 **SEC. 2. RESTRICTION ON EXPORT OF COVERED ARTICLES**  
5 **AND SERVICES TO CERTAIN SECURITY**  
6 **FORCES OF VENEZUELA.**

7 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, covered  
8 articles or services may not be exported from the United  
9 States to any element of the security forces of Venezuela  
10 that is under the authority of a government of Venezuela  
11 that is not recognized as the legitimate government of  
12 Venezuela by the Government of the United States.

13 **SEC. 3. REPORT.**

14 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the  
15 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,  
16 in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce as appro-  
17 priate, shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-  
18 mittees a report on the transfer by foreign persons of cov-  
19 ered articles or services to elements of the security forces  
20 of Venezuela that are under the authority of a government  
21 of Venezuela that is not recognized as the legitimate gov-  
22 ernment of Venezuela by the Government of the United  
23 States.

24 (b) **MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.**—The report re-  
25 quired by subsection (a) shall include the following:

1           (1) A list of all significant transfers by foreign  
2 persons of covered articles or services to such ele-  
3 ments of the security forces of Venezuela since July  
4 2017.

5           (2) A list of all foreign persons who maintain  
6 an existing defense relationship with such elements  
7 of the security forces of Venezuela.

8           (3) Any known use of covered articles or serv-  
9 ices by such elements of the security forces of Ven-  
10 zuela or associated forces, including paramilitary  
11 groups, that have coordinated with such security  
12 forces to assault, intimidate, or murder political ac-  
13 tivists, protesters, dissidents, and other civil society  
14 leaders.

15 **SEC. 4. TERMINATION.**

16 This Act shall expire on the earlier of—

17           (1) the date that is 3 years after the date of the  
18 enactment of this Act; or

19           (2) the date on which the President certifies to  
20 the appropriate congressional committees that the  
21 Government of Venezuela has returned to a demo-  
22 cratic form of government with respect for the es-  
23 sential elements of representative democracy as set  
24 forth in Article 3 of the Inter-American Democratic  
25 Charter.

1 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) **APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-**  
4 **TEES.**—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
5 mittees” means—

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

9 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations  
10 and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and  
11 Urban Affairs of the Senate.

12 (2) **COVERED ARTICLE OR SERVICE.**—The term  
13 “covered article or service”—

14 (A) for purposes of section 2, means—

15 (i) a defense article or defense service,  
16 as such terms are defined in section 47 of  
17 the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C.  
18 2794); and

19 (ii) any article included on the Com-  
20 merce Control List set forth in Supplement  
21 No. 1 to part 774 of the Export Adminis-  
22 tration Regulations under subchapter C of  
23 chapter VII of title 15, Code of Federal  
24 Regulations, and controlled for crime con-  
25 trol purposes, if it is determined that the  
26 end-user is likely to use the article to vio-

1 late the human rights of the citizens of  
2 Venezuela; and

3 (B) for purposes of section 3, means—

4 (i) any defense article or defense serv-  
5 ice of the type described in section 47 of  
6 the Arms Export Control Act; and

7 (ii) any article of the type included on  
8 the Commerce Control List set forth in  
9 Supplement No. 1 to part 774 of the Ex-  
10 port Administration Regulations and con-  
11 trolled for crime control purposes.

12 (3) FOREIGN PERSON.—The term “foreign per-  
13 son” means a person that is not a United States  
14 person.

15 (4) PERSON.—The term “person” means an in-  
16 dividual or entity.

17 (5) SECURITY FORCES OF VENEZUELA.—The  
18 term “security forces of Venezuela” includes—

19 (A) the Bolivarian National Armed Forces,  
20 including the Bolivarian National Guard;

21 (B) the Bolivarian National Intelligence  
22 Service;

23 (C) the Bolivarian National Police; and

1 (D) the Bureau for Scientific, Criminal  
2 and Forensic Investigations of the Ministry of  
3 Interior, Justice, and Peace.

4 (6) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term  
5 “United States person” means—

6 (A) a United States citizen or an alien law-  
7 fully admitted for permanent residence to the  
8 United States; or

9 (B) an entity organized under the laws of  
10 the United States or of any jurisdiction within  
11 the United States, including a foreign branch of  
12 such an entity.