

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 118-10
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At the end of subtitle C of title XVIII, add the following:

1 **SEC. __. REPORT REGARDING THE TIES BETWEEN CRIMI-**
2 **NAL GANGS AND POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC**
3 **ELITES IN HAITI AND IMPOSITION OF SANC-**
4 **TIONS ON POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ELITES**
5 **INVOLVED IN SUCH CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES.**

6 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
8 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
9 mittees” means—

10 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
11 the Senate;

12 (B) the Select Committee on Intelligence
13 of the Senate;

14 (C) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
15 Senate;

16 (D) the Committee on Appropriations of
17 the Senate;

18 (E) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
19 the House of Representatives;

1 (F) the Permanent Select Committee on
2 Intelligence of the House of Representatives;

3 (G) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
4 House of Representatives; and

5 (H) the Committee on Appropriations of
6 the House of Representatives

7 (2) ECONOMIC ELITES.—The term “economic
8 elites” means board members, officers, and execu-
9 tives of groups, committees, corporations, or other
10 entities that exert substantial influence or control
11 over Haiti’s economy, infrastructure, or particular
12 industries.

13 (3) INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.—The term
14 “intelligence community” has the meaning given
15 such term in section 3(4) of the National Security
16 Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003(4)).

17 (4) POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ELITES.—The
18 term “political and economic elites” means political
19 elites and economic elites.

20 (5) POLITICAL ELITES.—The term “political
21 elites” means current and former government offi-
22 cials and their high-level staff, political party lead-
23 ers, and political committee leaders.

24 (b) REPORT REQUIRED.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
2 the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually
3 thereafter for the following 5 years, the Secretary of
4 State, in coordination with the intelligence commu-
5 nity, shall submit a report to the appropriate con-
6 gressional committees regarding the ties between
7 criminal gangs and political and economic elites in
8 Haiti. The report shall—

9 (A) identify prominent criminal gangs in
10 Haiti, describe their criminal activities includ-
11 ing coercive recruitment, and identify their pri-
12 mary geographic areas of operations;

13 (B) list Haitian political and economic
14 elites who have links to criminal gangs;

15 (C) describe in detail the relationship be-
16 tween the individuals listed pursuant to sub-
17 paragraph (B) and the criminal gangs identified
18 pursuant to subparagraph (A);

19 (D) list Haitian political and economic
20 elites with links to criminal activities who are
21 currently subjected to visa restrictions or sanc-
22 tions by the United States, its international
23 partners, or the United Nations, including in-
24 formation regarding—

1 (i) the date on which each such Hai-
2 tian political or economic elite was des-
3 ignated for restrictions or sanctions;

4 (ii) which countries have designated
5 such Haitian political and economic elites
6 for restrictions or sanctions; and

7 (iii) for Haitian political and economic
8 elites who were designated by the United
9 States, the statutory basis for such des-
10 ignation;

11 (E) describe in detail how Haitian political
12 and economic elites use their relationships with
13 criminal gangs to advance their political and
14 economic interests and agenda;

15 (F) include an assessment of how the na-
16 ture and extent of collusion between political
17 and economic elites and criminal gangs threat-
18 ens the Haitian people and United States na-
19 tional interests and activities in the country, in-
20 cluding the provision of security assistance to
21 the Haitian government; and

22 (G) include an assessment of potential ac-
23 tions that the Government of the United States
24 and the Government of Haiti could take to ad-

1 dress the findings made pursuant to subpara-
2 graph (F).

3 (2) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required
4 under paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassi-
5 fied form, but may include a classified annex.

6 (c) DESIGNATIONS OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC
7 ELITES.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in
9 coordination with other relevant Federal agencies
10 and departments, shall identify persons identified
11 pursuant to subparagraphs (A) and (B) of sub-
12 section (b)(1) who may be subjected to visa restric-
13 tions and sanctions under—

14 (A) section 7031(c) of the Department of
15 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Pro-
16 grams Appropriations Act, 2022 (division K of
17 Public Law 117–103; 8 U.S.C. 1182 note); or

18 (B) section 1263 of the Global Magnitsky
19 Human Rights Accountability Act (22 U.S.C.
20 10102).

21 (2) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—Not later than
22 30 days after the date on which the report is sub-
23 mitted pursuant to subsection (b), the President
24 shall impose, on individuals identified pursuant to
25 paragraph (1), to the extent applicable, the sanc-

1 tions referred to in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of
2 such paragraph.

3 (3) WAIVER.—The President may waive the re-
4 quirements under paragraphs (1) and (2) with re-
5 spect to a foreign person if the President certifies
6 and reports to the appropriate congressional com-
7 mittees before such waiver is to take effect that such
8 waiver—

9 (A) would serve a vital national interest of
10 the United States; or

11 (B) is necessary for the delivery of human-
12 itarian assistance or other assistance that sup-
13 ports basic human needs.

14 (4) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The list of persons
15 identified pursuant to subsection (b)(1)(B) shall be
16 posted on a publicly accessible website of the De-
17 partment of State beginning on the date on which
18 the report required under subsection (b)(1) is sub-
19 mitted to Congress.

20 (5) EXCEPTION RELATING TO IMPORTATION OF
21 GOODS.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—The authorities and re-
23 quirements to impose sanctions under this sub-
24 section shall not include the authority or re-

1 requirement to impose sanctions on the importa-
2 tion of goods.

3 (B) GOOD DEFINED.—In this subsection,
4 the term “good” means any article, natural or
5 man-made substance, material, supply, or man-
6 ufactured product, including inspection and test
7 equipment, and excluding technical data.

8 (d) SUNSET.—This section shall cease to have effect
9 on the date that is 5 years after the date of the enactment
10 of this Act.

