

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 118-36**  
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At the end of subtitle C of title XVII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 17\_. ACTIONS TO RESPOND TO TIES BETWEEN CRIMI-**  
2 **NAL GANGS AND POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC**  
3 **ELITES IN HAITI.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

8 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of  
9 the Senate;

10 (B) the Select Committee on Intelligence  
11 of the Senate;

12 (C) the Committee on the Judiciary of the  
13 Senate;

14 (D) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
15 the House of Representatives;

16 (E) the Permanent Select Committee on  
17 Intelligence of the House of Representatives;  
18 and

1 (F) the Committee on the Judiciary of the  
2 House of Representatives.

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

9 (3) INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.—The term  
10 “intelligence community” has the meaning given  
11 such term in section 3(4) of the National Security  
12 Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003(4)).

13 (4) POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ELITES.—The  
14 term “political and economic elites” means political  
15 elites and economic elites.

16 (5) POLITICAL ELITES.—The term “political  
17 elites” means current and former government offi-  
18 cials and their high-level staff, political party lead-  
19 ers, and political committee leaders.

20 (b) REPORT REQUIRED.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after  
22 the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually  
23 thereafter for the following 5 years, the Secretary of  
24 State, in coordination with the intelligence commu-  
25 nity, shall submit a report to the appropriate con-

1           gressional committees regarding the ties between  
2           criminal gangs and political and economic elites in  
3           Haiti. The report shall—

4                   (A) identify prominent criminal gangs in  
5                   Haiti, describe their criminal activities includ-  
6                   ing coercive recruitment, and identify their pri-  
7                   mary geographic areas of operations;

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

10                   (C) describe in detail the relationship be-  
11                   tween the individuals listed pursuant to sub-  
12                   paragraph (B) and the criminal gangs identified  
13                   pursuant to subparagraph (A);

14                   (D) list Haitian political and economic  
15                   elites with links to criminal activities who are  
16                   currently subjected to visa restrictions or sanc-  
17                   tions by the United States, its international  
18                   partners, or the United Nations, including in-  
19                   formation regarding—

20                           (i) the date on which each such Hai-  
21                           tian political or economic elite was des-  
22                           ignated for restrictions or sanctions;

23                           (ii) which countries have designated  
24                           such Haitian political and economic elites  
25                           for restrictions or sanctions; and

1 (iii) for Haitian political and economic  
2 elites who were designated by the United  
3 States, the statutory basis for such des-  
4 ignation;

5 (E) describe in detail how Haitian political  
6 and economic elites use their relationships with  
7 criminal gangs to advance their political and  
8 economic interests and agenda;

9 (F) include a list of each criminal organi-  
10 zation assessed to be trafficking Haitians and  
11 other individuals to the United States border;

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

19 (H) include an assessment of potential ac-  
20 tions that the Government of the United States  
21 and the Government of Haiti could take to ad-  
22 dress the findings made pursuant to subpara-  
23 graph (G).

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

4           (c) DESIGNATIONS OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC  
5           ELITES.—

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

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

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

19          (2) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—

20                   (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days  
21                   after the date on which the report is submitted  
22                   pursuant to subsection (b), the President shall  
23                   impose, on individuals identified pursuant to  
24                   paragraph (1), to the extent applicable, the

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

3 (B) EXCEPTION RELATING TO IMPORTA-  
4 TION OF GOODS.—

5 (i) IN GENERAL.—A requirement to  
6 block and prohibit all transactions in all  
7 property and interests in property pursu-  
8 ant to the authority provided by this sec-  
9 tion shall not include the authority or a re-  
10 quirement to impose sanctions on the im-  
11 portation of goods.

12 (ii) GOOD DEFINED.—In this section,  
13 the term “good” means any article, natural  
14 or manmade substance, material, supply or  
15 manufactured product, including inspection  
16 and test equipment, and excluding tech-  
17 nical data.

18 (3) WAIVER.—The President may waive the re-  
19 quirements under paragraphs (1) and (2) with re-  
20 spect to a foreign person if the President certifies  
21 and reports to the appropriate congressional com-  
22 mittees before such waiver is to take effect that such  
23 waiver—

24 (A) would serve a vital national interest of  
25 the United States; or

1 (B) is necessary for the delivery of human-  
2 itarian assistance or other assistance that sup-  
3 ports basic human needs.

4 (4) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The list of persons  
5 identified pursuant to subsection (b)(1)(B) shall be  
6 posted on a publicly accessible website of the De-  
7 partment of State beginning on the date on which  
8 the report required under subsection (b)(1) is sub-  
9 mitted to Congress.

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

