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At the end of title XVII insert the following:

1 **Subtitle C—Mobilizing and En-**
2 **hancing Georgia’s Options for**
3 **Building Accountability, Resil-**
4 **ience, and Independence**

5 **SEC. 17 ____. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this Act:

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 Committee on Appropriations of
13 the Senate;

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

16 (D) the Committee on Appropriations of
17 the House of Representatives.

18 (2) NATO.—The term “NATO” means the
19 North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

1 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of State.

3 **SEC. 17 ____ . SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

4 It is the sense of Congress that—

5 (1) the progress made by the people of Georgia
6 in forging an innovative and productive society since
7 the country’s independence from the Soviet Union
8 should be applauded;

9 (2) the consolidation of democracy in Georgia is
10 critical for regional stability and United States na-
11 tional interests;

12 (3) Georgia has seen significant democratic
13 backsliding in recent years, as evidenced by numer-
14 ous independent assessments and measures;

15 (4) the current Georgian government is increas-
16 ingly hostile towards independent domestic civil soci-
17 ety and its chief Euro-Atlantic partners while in-
18 creasingly embracing enhanced ties with the Russian
19 Federation, the People’s Republic of China, and
20 other anti-Western authoritarian regimes;

21 (5) the United States has an interest in pro-
22 tecting and securing democracy in Georgia; and

23 (6) the Secretary should suspend the United
24 States-Georgia Strategic Partnership Commission,
25 established through the United States-Georgia Char-

1 ter on Strategic Partnership on January 9, 2009,
2 until after the Government of Georgia takes meas-
3 ures—

4 (A) to represent the democratic wishes of
5 the citizens of Georgia; and

6 (B) to uphold its constitutional obligation
7 to advance the country towards membership in
8 the European Union and NATO.

9 **SEC. 17 ____. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

10 It is the policy of the United States—

11 (1) to support the constitutionally stated aspi-
12 rations of Georgia to become a member of the Euro-
13 pean Union and NATO, which is made clear under
14 Article 78 of the Constitution of Georgia and is sup-
15 ported by the overwhelming majority of the citizens
16 of Georgia;

17 (2) to continue supporting the capacity of the
18 Government of Georgia to protect its sovereignty
19 and territorial integrity from further Russian ag-
20 gression or encroachment within its internationally
21 recognized borders;

22 (3) to call on all political parties and elected
23 Members of the Parliament of Georgia to continue
24 working on addressing the reform plan outlined by
25 the European Commission to resume Georgia's re-

1 cently granted candidate status through an inclusive
2 and transparent consultation process that involves
3 opposition parties and civil society organizations,
4 which the people of Georgia have freely elected to
5 pursue;

6 (4) to reevaluate its relationship with the Gov-
7 ernment of Georgia and review all forms of foreign
8 and security assistance made available to the Gov-
9 ernment if it takes the required steps—

10 (A) to reorient itself toward its European
11 Union accession agenda; and

12 (B) to advance policy or legislation reflect-
13 ing the express wishes of the Georgian people;

14 (5) to emphasize the importance of contributing
15 to international efforts—

16 (A) to combat Russian aggression, includ-
17 ing through sanctions on trade with Russia and
18 the implementation and enforcement of world-
19 wide sanctions on Russia; and

20 (B) to reduce, rather than increase, trade
21 ties between Georgia and Russia;

22 (6) to continue supporting the ongoing develop-
23 ment of democratic values in Georgia, including free
24 and fair elections, freedom of association, an inde-
25 pendent and accountable judiciary, an independent

1 media, public-sector transparency and accountability,
2 the rule of law, countering malign influence, and
3 anti-corruption efforts and to impose swift con-
4 sequences on individuals who are directly responsible
5 for leading or have directly and knowingly engaged
6 in leading actions of policies that significantly un-
7 dermine those standards;

8 (7) to continue to support the Georgian people
9 and civil society organizations that reflect the aspi-
10 rations of the Georgian people for democracy and a
11 future with the people of Europe;

12 (8) to continue supporting the right of the
13 Georgian people to freely engage in peaceful protest,
14 determine their future, and make independent and
15 sovereign choices on foreign and security policy, in-
16 cluding regarding Georgia's relationship with other
17 countries and international organizations, without
18 interference, intimidation, or coercion by other coun-
19 tries or those acting on their behalf;

20 (9) to call on all political parties, elected Mem-
21 bers of the Parliament of Georgia, and officers of
22 the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia to respect
23 the freedoms of peaceful assembly, association, and
24 expression, including for the press, and the rule of

1 law, and encourage a vibrant and inclusive civil soci-
2 ety;

3 (10) to call on the Government of Georgia to
4 release all persons detained or imprisoned on politi-
5 cally motivated grounds and drop any pending
6 charges against them;

7 (11) to call on the Government of Georgia to
8 thoroughly investigate all allegations emerging from
9 the recent national elections, which took place on
10 October 2024, make a determination whether the
11 elections should be judged as illegitimate and hold
12 those responsible for interference in the elections;
13 and

14 (12) to continue impressing upon the Govern-
15 ment of Georgia that the United States is committed
16 to sustaining and deepening bilateral relations and
17 supporting Georgia’s Euro-Atlantic aspirations.

18 **SEC. 17 ____. SANCTIONS.**

19 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) ADMISSION; ADMITTED; ALIEN.—The terms
21 “admission”, “admitted”, and “alien” have the
22 meanings given such terms in section 101 of the Im-
23 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101).

1 (2) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
2 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
3 gress” means—

4 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
5 the Senate;

6 (B) the Committee on Banking, Housing,
7 and Urban Affairs of the Senate;

8 (C) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
9 Senate;

10 (D) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
11 the House of Representatives;

12 (E) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
13 House of Representatives; and

14 (F) the Committee on Financial Services
15 of the House of Representatives.

16 (3) FOREIGN PERSON.—The term “foreign per-
17 son” means any individual or entity that is not a
18 United States person.

19 (4) IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS.—The term
20 “immediate family members” has the meaning given
21 the term “immediate relatives” in section
22 201(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality
23 Act (8 U.S.C. 1201(b)(2)(A)(i)).

24 (5) KNOWINGLY.—The term “knowingly”, with
25 respect to conduct, a circumstance, or a result,

1 means that a person has actual knowledge, or should
2 have known, of the conduct, the circumstance, or the
3 result.

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;

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

13 (C) any person within the United States.

14 (b) INADMISSIBILITY OF OFFICIALS OF GOVERN-
15 MENT OF GEORGIA AND CERTAIN OTHER INDIVIDUALS
16 INVOLVED IN BLOCKING EURO-ATLANTIC INTEGRA-
17 TION.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
19 the date of the enactment of this Act, the President
20 shall determine whether each of the following foreign
21 persons has knowingly engaged in significant acts of
22 corruption, or acts of violence or intimidation in re-
23 lation to the blocking of Euro-Atlantic integration in
24 Georgia:

1 (A) Any individual who, on or after Janu-
2 ary 1, 2014, has served as a member of the
3 Parliament of the Government of Georgia or as
4 a current or former senior official of a Georgian
5 political party.

6 (B) Any individual who is serving as an of-
7 ficial in a leadership position working on behalf
8 of the Government of Georgia, including law en-
9 forcement, intelligence, judicial, or local or mu-
10 nicipal government.

11 (C) An immediate family member of an of-
12 ficial described in subparagraph (A) or a person
13 described in subparagraph (B) who benefitted
14 from the conduct of such official or person.

15 (2) SANCTIONS.—The President shall impose
16 the sanctions described in subsection (d)(2) with re-
17 spect to each foreign person with respect to which
18 the President has made an affirmative decision
19 under paragraph (1).

20 (3) BRIEFING.—Not later than 90 days after
21 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
22 shall brief the appropriate committees of Congress
23 with respect to—

1 (A) any foreign person with respect to
2 which the President has made an affirmative
3 determination under paragraph (1); and

4 (B) the specific facts that justify each such
5 affirmative determination.

6 (4) WAIVER.—The President may waive imposi-
7 tion of sanctions under this subsection on a case-by-
8 case basis if the President determines and reports to
9 the appropriate committees of Congress that—

10 (A) such waiver would serve national secu-
11 rity interests; or

12 (B) the circumstances which caused the in-
13 dividual to be ineligible have sufficiently
14 changed.

15 (c) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO
16 UNDERMINING PEACE, SECURITY, STABILITY, SOV-
17 EREIGNTY OR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF GEORGIA.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President may impose
19 the sanctions described in subsection (d)(1) and
20 shall impose the sanctions described in subsection
21 (d)(2) with respect to each foreign person the Presi-
22 dent determines, on or after the date of the enact-
23 ment of this Act—

24 (A) is responsible for, complicit in, or has
25 directly or indirectly engaged in or attempted to

1 engage in, actions or policies, including order-
2 ing, controlling, or otherwise directing acts that
3 are intended to undermine the peace, security,
4 stability, sovereignty, or territorial integrity of
5 Georgia;

6 (B) is or has been a leader or official of an
7 entity that has, or whose members have, en-
8 gaged in any activity described in subparagraph
9 (A); or

10 (C) is an immediate family member of a
11 person subject to sanctions for conduct de-
12 scribed in subparagraph (A) or (B) and bene-
13 fitted from the conduct of such person.

14 (2) BRIEF AND WRITTEN NOTIFICATION.—Not
15 later than 10 days after imposing sanctions on a for-
16 eign person or persons pursuant to this subsection,
17 the President shall brief and provide written notifi-
18 cation to the appropriate committees of Congress re-
19 garding the imposition of such sanctions, which shall
20 describe—

21 (A) the foreign person or persons subject
22 to the imposition of such sanctions;

23 (B) the activity justifying the imposition of
24 such sanctions; and

1 (C) the specific sanctions imposed on such
2 foreign person or persons.

3 (3) WAIVER.—The President may waive the ap-
4 plication of sanctions under this subsection with re-
5 spect to a foreign person for renewable periods not
6 to exceed 180 days if, not later than 15 days before
7 the date on which such waiver is to take effect, the
8 President submits to the appropriate committees of
9 Congress a written determination and justification
10 that the waiver is in the national security interests
11 of the United States.

12 (d) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions de-
13 scribed in this subsection are the following with respect
14 to a foreign person described in subsection (b) or (c), as
15 applicable:

16 (1) BLOCKING OF PROPERTY.—Notwith-
17 standing the requirements under section 202 of the
18 International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50
19 U.S.C. 1701), the President shall exercise all au-
20 thorities granted under the International Emergency
21 Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) to
22 the extent necessary to block and prohibit all trans-
23 actions in property and interests in property of the
24 foreign person if such property and interests in
25 property are in the United States, come within the

1 United States, or are or come within the possession
2 or control of a United States person.

3 (2) INELIGIBILITY FOR VISAS, ADMISSION, OR
4 PAROLE.—

5 (A) VISAS, ADMISSION, OR PAROLE.—A
6 foreign person that is an alien shall be—

7 (i) inadmissible to the United States;

8 (ii) ineligible to receive a visa or other
9 documentation to enter the United States;

10 and

11 (iii) otherwise ineligible to be admitted
12 or paroled into the United States or to re-
13 ceive any other benefit under the Immigra-
14 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et
15 seq.).

16 (B) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—The for-
17 eign person shall be subject to the following:

18 (i) Revocation of any visa or other
19 entry documentation regardless of when
20 the visa or other entry documentation is or
21 was issued.

22 (ii) A revocation under clause (i) shall
23 take effect immediately and automatically
24 cancel any other valid visa or entry docu-

1 mentation that is in the foreign person's
2 possession.

3 (e) IMPLEMENTATION; PENALTIES.—

4 (1) IMPLEMENTATION.—The President may ex-
5 ercise all authorities provided under sections 203
6 and 205 of the International Emergency Economic
7 Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704) to carry out
8 this section.

9 (2) PENALTIES.—A person that violates, at-
10 tempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a
11 violation of subsection (d)(2)(A) or any regulation,
12 license, or order issued under that subsection shall
13 be subject to the penalties set forth in subsections
14 (b) and (c) of section 206 of the International Eco-
15 nomic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) to the same ex-
16 tent as a person that commits an unlawful act de-
17 scribed in subsection (a) of that section.

18 (3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this
19 Act, or any amendment made by this Act, may be
20 construed to limit the authority of the President to
21 designate or sanction persons pursuant to an appli-
22 cable Executive order or otherwise pursuant to the
23 International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50
24 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.).

25 (f) RULEMAKING.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
3 President shall prescribe such regulations as are
4 necessary for the implementation of this section.

5 (2) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.—Not later
6 than 10 days before prescribing regulations pursu-
7 ant to paragraph (1), the President shall notify the
8 appropriate committees of Congress of the proposed
9 regulations and the provisions of this section that
10 the regulations are implementing.

11 (g) SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO BROADER COR-
12 RUPTION IN GEORGIA.—

13 (1) DETERMINATION.—The President shall de-
14 termine whether there are foreign persons who, on
15 or after the date of the enactment of this Act, have
16 engaged in significant corruption in Georgia or acts
17 that are intended to undermine the peace, security,
18 stability, sovereignty, or territorial integrity of Geor-
19 gia for the purposes of potential imposition of sanc-
20 tions pursuant to powers granted to the President
21 under the International Emergency Economic Pow-
22 ers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.).

23 (2) REPORT.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180
25 days after the date of the enactment of this

1 Act, the President shall submit a report to the
2 appropriate committees of Congress that—

3 (i) identifies all foreign persons the
4 President has determined, pursuant to this
5 subsection, have engaged in significant cor-
6 ruption in Georgia or committed acts that
7 are intended to undermine the peace, secu-
8 rity, stability, sovereignty, or territorial in-
9 tegrity of Georgia;

10 (ii) the dates on which sanctions were
11 imposed; and

12 (iii) the reasons for imposing such
13 sanctions.

14 (B) FORM.—The report required under
15 subparagraph (A) shall be provided in unclassi-
16 fied form, but may include a classified annex.

17 (h) TERMINATION OF SANCTIONS.—Any sanctions
18 imposed on a foreign person pursuant to this section shall
19 terminate on the earlier of—

20 (1) the date on which the President certifies to
21 the appropriate committees of Congress that the for-
22 eign person is no longer engaging in the activities
23 that led to the imposition of such sanction; or

24 (2) the sunset date described in section 7.

25 (i) EXCEPTIONS.—

1 (1) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (A) AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY.—The
3 term “agricultural commodity” has the meaning
4 given such term in section 102 of the Agricul-
5 tural Trade Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 5602).

6 (B) GOOD.—The term “good” means any
7 article, natural or man-made substance, mate-
8 rial, supply, or manufactured product, including
9 inspection and test equipment and excluding
10 technical data.

11 (C) MEDICAL DEVICE.—The term “medical
12 device” has the meaning given the term “de-
13 vice” in section 201 of the Federal Food, Drug,
14 and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321).

15 (D) MEDICINE.—The term “medicine” has
16 the meaning given the term “drug” in section
17 201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic
18 Act (21 U.S.C. 321).

19 (2) EXCEPTIONS.—

20 (A) EXCEPTION RELATING TO INTEL-
21 LIGENCE ACTIVITIES.—Sanctions under this
22 section shall not apply to—

23 (i) any activity subject to the report-
24 ing requirements under title V of the Na-

1 tional Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C.
2 3091 et seq.); or

3 (ii) any authorized intelligence activi-
4 ties of the United States.

5 (B) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH INTER-
6 NATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.—Sanctions under this
7 section shall not apply with respect to a foreign
8 person if admitting or paroling the person into
9 the United States is necessary to permit the
10 United States to comply with the Agreement re-
11 garding the Headquarters of the United Na-
12 tions, signed at Lake Success June 26, 1947,
13 and entered into force November 21, 1947, be-
14 tween the United Nations and the United
15 States, or other applicable international obliga-
16 tions.

17 (C) HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.—Sanc-
18 tions under this section shall not apply to—

19 (i) the conduct or facilitation of a
20 transaction for the provision of agricultural
21 commodities, food, medicine, medical de-
22 vices, or humanitarian assistance, or for
23 humanitarian purposes; or

1 (ii) transactions that are necessary
2 for, or related to, the activities described in
3 paragraph (1).

4 (j) EXCEPTION RELATING TO IMPORTATION OF
5 GOODS.—The requirement to block and prohibit all trans-
6 actions in all property and interests in property under this
7 section shall not include the authority or a requirement
8 to impose sanctions on the importation of goods.

9 **SEC. 17__ . ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE WITH RESPECT TO**
10 **GEORGIA.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Upon submission to Congress of
12 the certification described in subsection (c)—

13 (1) the Secretary of State, in consultation with
14 other heads of other relevant Federal departments
15 and agencies, should seek to further enhance people-
16 to-people contacts and academic exchanges between
17 the United States and Georgia; and

18 (2) the President, in consultation with the Sec-
19 retary of Defense, should maintain, and as appro-
20 priate, expand military co-operation with Georgia,
21 including by providing further security and defense
22 equipment ideally suited for territorial defense
23 against Russian aggression and related training,
24 maintenance, and operations support elements.

1 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
2 gress that, after the submission of the certification de-
3 scribed in subsection (c) should the Georgian government
4 take steps to re-align itself with its Euro-Atlantic agenda,
5 including significant changes to the foreign influence law,
6 the President should take steps to improve the bilateral
7 relationship between the United States and Georgia, in-
8 cluding actions to bolster Georgia’s ability to deter threats
9 from Russia and other malign actors.

10 (c) CERTIFICATION DESCRIBED.—The certification
11 described in this subsection is a certification submitted to
12 Congress by the President that Georgia has shown signifi-
13 cant and sustained progress towards reinvigorating its de-
14 mocracy and advancing its Euro-Atlantic integration.

15 **SEC. 17 ____ . SUNSET.**

16 This Act shall cease to have any force or effect begin-
17 ning on the date that is 5 years after the date of the enact-
18 ment of this Act.

