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At the end of title XVII, add the following:

1 **Subtitle D—MEGOBARI Act**

2 **SEC. 1751. SHORT TITLE.**

3 This subtitle may be cited as the “Mobilizing and En-
4 hancing Georgia’s Options for Building Accountability,
5 Resilience, and Independence Act” or “MEGOBARI Act”.

6 **SEC. 1752. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Georgia’s primary contribution to regional
9 peace and stability, United States interests, and its
10 own global reputation has been its democratic spirit
11 and trajectory. Georgia has been an important part-
12 ner to the United States and other democracies,
13 maintaining strong engagement with western nations
14 and working to uphold human rights, including civil
15 and political rights and democratic principles, to bol-
16 ster regional peace and stability.

17 (2) The Georgian people’s consistent and over-
18 whelming foreign policy choice favors strong and
19 warm relations with the United States and other
20 western countries and integration with the North

1 Atlantic Treaty Organization and the European
2 Union.

3 (3) The official position of successive Georgian
4 Governments, since the restoration of its independ-
5 ence in 1991, has been one of pursuing membership
6 in Euro-Atlantic institutions.

7 (4) Georgian democratic development since re-
8 gaining its independence has been uneven but has in
9 recent years seen steady and evident decline, which
10 appears to be a deliberate policy decision made
11 under its current government.

12 (5) The Russian Federation's longstanding and
13 consistently predatory posture towards Georgian sov-
14 ereignty began immediately upon the restoration of
15 its independence and culminated in the 2008 Rus-
16 sian invasion of Georgia and its subsequent formal
17 occupation of approximately 20 percent of Georgian
18 territory, and has also been underscored though the
19 ethnic cleansing of hundreds of thousands of Geor-
20 gian citizens.

21 (6) The current Georgian Government has in-
22 creasingly and regrettably embraced a policy of ac-
23 commodation with the Russian Federation as an as-
24 pect of its increasingly illiberal turn, and has openly
25 attacked United States, the European Union, and

1 western democracy promotion organizations as well
2 as local and international civil society while embracing
3 increased ties with Russia in particular, as well
4 as China and other authoritarian governments, in
5 defiance of its own preexisting foreign and security
6 policies as reflected in its constitution and long-
7 standing public sentiments.

8 (7) The United States should continue to sup-
9 port the Georgian people and their democratic and
10 Euro-Atlantic aspirations.

11 **SEC. 1753. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

12 It is the sense of Congress that—

13 (1) the progress made by the Georgian people
14 and civil society in forging an innovative and produc-
15 tive society, imbued with democratic spirit, should be
16 acknowledged;

17 (2) the consolidation of democracy in Georgia is
18 critical for regional stability and United States na-
19 tional interests;

20 (3) Georgia, as evidenced by numerous inde-
21 pendent assessments and measures, has seen signifi-
22 cant democratic backsliding in recent years;

23 (4) the current Georgian Government is in-
24 creasingly hostile towards democracy promotion or-
25 ganizations, independent civil society, and its chief

1 Euro-Atlantic partners while increasingly embracing
2 enhanced ties with the Russian Federation, the Peo-
3 ple's Republic of China, and other anti-Western au-
4 thoritarian regimes; and

5 (5) the United States interest in protecting and
6 securing democracy is borne by a close friendship
7 and support for the Georgian people's continued
8 democratic and Euro-Atlantic choice.

9 **SEC. 1754. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

10 It is the policy of the United States to support and
11 defend democracy, human rights, and the rule of law in
12 Georgia, which is the foundation of Georgia's privileged
13 relationship with the Euro-Atlantic west.

14 **SEC. 1755. REPORTS.**

15 (a) REPORT ON IMPROPER INFLUENCE AND SANC-
16 TIONS EVASION IN GEORGIA.—Not later than 90 days
17 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
18 of State, in coordination with the Secretary of the Treas-
19 ury, shall submit to Congress a report and brief the rel-
20 evant committees on—

21 (1) nodes of improper political influence,
22 kleptocracy, and elite corruption in Georgia, particu-
23 larly insofar that they serve or may support Russian
24 malign interests, knowingly or unknowingly; and

1 (2) the manner and extent to which Georgia,
2 with the complicity of key individuals within Geor-
3 gia, has been used as a means to bypass or evade,
4 in letter or spirit, United States or international
5 sanctions imposed on the Russian Federation in re-
6 sponse to its full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

7 (b) REPORT ON RUSSIAN MALIGN ELEMENTS IN
8 GEORGIA.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the
9 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in coordina-
10 tion with the Director of National Intelligence, the Sec-
11 retary of Defense, and the Director of Central Intelligence,
12 shall submit to Congress a classified report examining
13 Russian influence operations, malign elements, and their
14 assets in Georgia, to include an annex examining Chinese
15 influence and the potential intersection of Russian-Chinese
16 cooperation in Georgia.

17 (c) REPORT ON IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH
18 RESPECT TO GEORGIAN INDIVIDUALS.—

19 (1) IMPOSITION OF VISA RESTRICTIONS OR
20 SANCTIONS.—Not later than 60 days after the date
21 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,
22 in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, the
23 Secretary of Commerce, the Attorney General, the
24 Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Secretary
25 of the Treasury, when applicable, shall—

1 (A) identify key individuals who—

2 (i) are in the Government of Georgia,
3 working as its agents or on its behalf, or
4 otherwise in a position to strongly influ-
5 ence the actions of such Government; and

6 (ii) have material responsibility for
7 undermining or injuring democracy,
8 human rights, or security in Georgia; and

9 (B) to the extent practicable, impose with
10 respect to each such individual such sanctions
11 as may be justifiable and authorized by law,
12 such as sanctions pursuant to the Global
13 Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act
14 (22 U.S.C. 10101 et seq.), anti-kleptocracy and
15 human rights sanctions authorized by section
16 7031(c) of the Department of State, Foreign
17 Operations, and Related Programs Appropria-
18 tions Act, 2024, as appropriate, visa restric-
19 tions or for key individuals who—

20 (i) are materially or directly respon-
21 sible in Parliament for the advocacy, pas-
22 sage, and potential enactment of the recent
23 Russian-style foreign agent legislation; and

24 (ii) substantially responsible within
25 political or governmental leadership, busi-

1 International Development, the heads of other Federal
2 agencies and departments, and international partners,
3 shall establish a democracy monitoring task force with, as
4 practicable, a significant presence within Georgia, to pub-
5 licly assess, monitor, and promote the pre-election demo-
6 cratic environment in Georgia.

7 **SEC. 1757. ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE WITH RESPECT TO**
8 **GEORGIA.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Upon submission to Congress of
10 the certification described in subsection (b)—

11 (1) it shall be the policy of the United States
12 to pursue and administer a more robust and seam-
13 less trade relationship with the Government of Geor-
14 gia, particularly with regard to sectors that provide
15 for broad-based economic development in Georgia,
16 enable significantly increased trade of strategic re-
17 sources from Georgia, or otherwise show particular
18 promise;

19 (2) the Secretary of State, in consultation with
20 the Secretary of Homeland Security and the heads
21 of other relevant Federal departments and agencies,
22 shall develop policies to further encourage people-to-
23 people contacts, academic exchanges, and stream-
24 lined or otherwise improved tourist and business
25 movement between the United States and Georgia.

1 (3) the President, acting through such agencies
2 as the United States International Development Fi-
3 nance Corporation, the Millennium Challenge Cor-
4 poration, the United States Agency for International
5 Development, the Department of Commerce, the De-
6 partment of State, or, as relevant, other relevant
7 Federal departments and agencies, and international
8 partners, shall develop an economic development and
9 modernization package for Georgia; and

10 (4) the President, in consultation with the Sec-
11 retary of State and the Secretary of Defense, shall
12 adopt an enduring security assurance policy and pre-
13 pare a military package to be delivered to Georgia
14 that includes the provision of security and defense
15 equipment ideally suited for territorial defense
16 against Russian aggression and concomitant train-
17 ing, maintenance, and operations support elements.

18 (b) CERTIFICATION DESCRIBED.—The certification
19 described in this subsection is a certification submitted to
20 Congress by the President or the Secretary of State that
21 Georgia has shown significant and sustained progress to-
22 wards reinvigorating its democracy, evidenced at minimum
23 by substantially fair and free elections and a balanced pre-
24 election environment.

