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To direct the President to impose sanctions against foreign persons determined to have knowingly engaged in significant corruption in Mexico, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MORAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To direct the President to impose sanctions against foreign persons determined to have knowingly engaged in significant corruption in Mexico, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.**

4 (a) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—The President shall
5 impose the sanctions described in subsection (b) with re-
6 spect to any foreign person that the President determines
7 has, on or after the date of the enactment of this Act,

1 knowingly engaged in significant corruption in Mexico, in-
2 cluding through the following acts:

3 (1) Corruption related to government contracts.

4 (2) Bribery or extortion.

5 (3) The transfer, or the facilitation of the
6 transfer, of the proceeds of corruption, including
7 through money laundering.

8 (4) Acts of violence, harassment, or intimidat-
9 tion directed at governmental or nongovernmental
10 corruption investigators.

11 (5) The facilitation of, or involvement in, the
12 production, sale, or distribution of illicit fentanyl or
13 fentanyl analogs.

14 (b) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The sanctions described in
16 this subsection are the following:

17 (A) ASSET BLOCKING.—The President
18 shall exercise all of the powers granted to the
19 President by the International Emergency Eco-
20 nomic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) to
21 the extent necessary to block and prohibit all
22 transactions in property and interests in prop-
23 erty of a foreign person if such property or in-
24 terests in property are in the United States,
25 come within the United States, or are or come

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

3 (B) INELIGIBILITY FOR VISAS AND ADMIS-
4 SION TO THE UNITED STATES.—In the case of
5 a foreign person who is an individual, such for-
6 eign person is—

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 (C) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—

17 (i) IN GENERAL.—The issuing con-
18 sular officer or the Secretary of State, (or
19 a designee of the Secretary of State) shall,
20 in accordance with section 221(i) of the
21 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
22 1201(i)), revoke any visa or other entry
23 documentation issued to a foreign person
24 regardless of when the visa or other entry
25 documentation is issued.

1 (ii) EFFECT OF REVOCATION.—A rev-
2 ocation under clause (i) shall—

3 (I) take effect immediately; and

4 (II) automatically cancel any
5 other valid visa or entry documenta-
6 tion that is in the possession of the
7 foreign person.

8 (2) PENALTIES.—A person that violates, at-
9 tempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a
10 violation of a measure imposed pursuant to para-
11 graph (1)(A) or any regulation, license, or order
12 issued to carry out such paragraph shall be subject
13 to the penalties specified in subsections (b) and (c)
14 of section 206 of the International Emergency 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 such section.

18 (3) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH INTER-
19 NATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.—Sanctions under subpara-
20 graph (B) and (C) of paragraph (1) shall not apply
21 with respect to a foreign person if admitting or pa-
22 roling such person into the United States is nec-
23 essary to permit the United States to comply with
24 the Agreement regarding the Headquarters of the
25 United Nations, signed at Lake Success June 26,

1 1947, and entered into force November 21, 1947,
2 between the United Nations and the United States,
3 or other applicable international obligations.

4 (c) IMPLEMENTATION; REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—

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

10 (2) REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—The President
11 shall issue such regulations, licenses, and orders as
12 are necessary to carry out this section.

13 (d) NATIONAL SECURITY WAIVER.—The President
14 may waive, on a case-by-case basis, the application of a
15 sanction under subsection (b) with respect to a foreign
16 person if the President—

17 (1) determines that such a waiver is in the na-
18 tional security interest of the United States; and

19 (2) submits to the appropriate congressional
20 committees a notice of and justification for the wai-
21 ver.

22 (e) TERMINATION.—The authority to impose sanc-
23 tions under subsection (b), and any sanctions imposed
24 pursuant to such authority, shall expire on the date that
25 is 3 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 (f) EXCEPTION RELATING TO IMPORTATION OF
2 GOODS.—The authorities and requirements to impose
3 sanctions authorized under this Act shall not include the
4 authority or requirement to impose sanctions on the im-
5 portation of goods.

6 (g) REPORTS REQUIRED.—

7 (1) REPORTS.—Not later than 180 days after
8 the date of the enactment of this Act, and not less
9 frequently than annually thereafter, the President
10 shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-
11 mittees a report that identifies each foreign person
12 in Mexico who the President determines to have
13 knowingly engaged in actions that facilitate the illicit
14 production, distribution, or sale of illicit fentanyl or
15 fentanyl analogs, including through the acts listed in
16 paragraphs (1) through (5) of subsection (a).

17 (2) FORM.—Each report under paragraph (1)
18 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may in-
19 clude a classified annex.

20 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
22 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
23 mittees” means—

24 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
25 Committee on the Judiciary, and the Com-

1 mittee on Financial Services of the House of
2 Representatives; and

3 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations,
4 the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Com-
5 mittee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
6 of the Senate.

7 (2) FENTANYL ANALOG.—The term “fentanyl
8 analog” means a controlled substance analogue (as
9 defined in section 102 of the Controlled Substances
10 Act (21 U.S.C. 802)) of fentanyl.

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

14 (4) GOOD.—The term “good” means any arti-
15 cle, natural or man-made substance, material, supply
16 or manufactured product, including inspection and
17 test equipment, and excluding technical data.

18 (5) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term
19 “United States person” means, with respect to a
20 person who is an individual, a United States citizen
21 or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent resi-
22 dence to the United States.

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