AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3838

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Add at the end of title XVII the following new subtitle:

1	SubtitleMobilizing and En-
2	hancing Georgia's Options for
3	Building Accountability, Resil-
4	ience, and Independence
5	(MEGOBARI)
6	SEC1. DEFINITIONS.
7	In this subtitle:
8	(1) 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) The term "NATO" means the North Atlan-
19	tic Treaty Organization.

1	(3) The term "Secretary" means the Secretary
2	of State.
3	SEC2. 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	SEC3. 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

media, public-sector transparency and accountability,
the rule of law, countering malign influence, and
anti-corruption efforts and to impose swift consequences on individuals who are directly responsible
for leading or have directly and knowingly engaged
in leading actions of policies that significantly undermine 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;

(9) to call on all political parties, elected Members of the Parliament of Georgia, and officers of
the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia to respect
the freedoms of peaceful assembly, association, and
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 politi5 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

(12) to continue impressing upon the Government of Georgia that the United States is committed
to sustaining and deepening bilateral relations and
supporting Georgia's Euro-Atlantic aspirations.

18 SEC. <u>4. REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS.</u>

(a) REPORT ON RUSSIAN INTELLIGENCE ASSETS IN
GEORGIA.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the
enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Director of National Intelligence and the
Secretary of Defense, shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a classified report, prepared consistent with the protection of sources and methods, exam-

ining the penetration of Russian intelligence elements and
 their assets in Georgia, that includes an annex examining
 Chinese influence and the potential intersection of Rus sian-Chinese cooperation in Georgia.

5 (b) 5-YEAR UNITED STATES STRATEGY FOR BILAT6 ERAL RELATIONS WITH GEORGIA.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
8 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
9 of State, in coordination with the heads of other rel10 evant Federal departments and agencies, shall sub11 mit to the appropriate congressional committees a
12 detailed strategy that—

13 (A) outlines specific objectives for enhanc14 ing bilateral ties which reflect the current do15 mestic political environment in Georgia;

(B) includes a determination of the tools,
resources, and funding that should be available
to achieve the objectives outlined pursuant to
paragraph (1) and an assessment whether
Georgia should remain the second-highest recipient of United States funding in the Europe
and Eurasia region;

23 (C) includes a determination of the extent
24 to which the United States should continue to
25 invest in its partnership with Georgia;

1 (D) includes a plan for how the United 2 States can continue to support civil society and 3 independent media organizations in Georgia; 4 and

5 (E) includes a determination whether the 6 Government of Georgia remains committed to 7 expanding trade ties with the United States and 8 Europe and whether the United States Govern-9 ment should continue to invest in Georgian 10 projects.

(2) FORM.—The report required by paragraph
(1) shall be submitted in unclassified form, with a
classified annex.

(c) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE15 FINED.—In this section, the term "appropriate commit16 tees of Congress" means—

(1) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
Senate, the Select Committee on Intelligence of the
Senate, and the Committee on Armed Services of the
Senate; and

(2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
House of Representatives, the Permanent Select
Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Armed Services
of the House of Representatives.

1	SEC5. SANCTIONS.
2	(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:
3	(1) The terms "admission", "admitted", and
4	"alien" have the meanings given such terms in sec-
5	tion 101 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
6	U.S.C. 1101).
7	(2) The term "appropriate committees of Con-
8	gress" means—
9	(A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
10	the Senate;
11	(B) the Committee on Banking, Housing,
12	and Urban Affairs of the Senate;
13	(C) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
14	Senate;
15	(D) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
16	the House of Representatives;
17	(E) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
18	House of Representatives; and
19	(F) the Committee on Financial Services
20	of the House of Representatives.
21	(3) The term "foreign person" means any indi-
22	vidual or entity that is not a United States person.
23	(4) The term "immediate family members" has
24	the meaning given the term "immediate relatives" in
25	section 201(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Immigration and Na-
26	tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1201(b)(2)(A)(i)).

1	(5) The term "knowingly", with respect to con-
2	duct, a circumstance, or a result, means that a per-
3	son has actual knowledge, or should have known, of
4	the conduct, the circumstance, or the result.
5	(6) The term "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

(C) the specific sanctions imposed on such
 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.

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

PROPERTY.-Notwith-16 (1)BLOCKING OF 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) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days
 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
 President shall prescribe such regulations as are
 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.

(g) SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO BROADER COR-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
25	[7].

1	(i) EXCEPTIONS.—
2	(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:
3	(A) The term "agricultural commodity"
4	has the meaning given such term in section 102
5	of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 (7
6	U.S.C. 5602).
7	(B) The term "good" means any article,
8	natural or man-made substance, material, sup-
9	ply, or manufactured product, including inspec-
10	tion and test equipment and excluding technical
11	data.
12	(C) The term "medical device" has the
13	meaning given the term "device" in section 201
14	of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act
15	(21 U.S.C. 321).
16	(D) The term "medicine" has the meaning
17	given the term "drug" in section 201 of the
18	Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21
19	U.S.C. 321).
20	(2) EXCEPTIONS.—
21	(A) EXCEPTION RELATING TO INTEL-
22	LIGENCE ACTIVITIES.—Sanctions under this
23	section shall not apply to—
24	(i) any activity subject to the report-
25	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

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

4 (j) EXCEPTION RELATING TO IMPORTATION OF
5 GOODS.—The requirement to block and prohibit all trans6 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. 6. ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE WITH RESPECT TO 10 GEORGIA.

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

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

(2) the President, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, should maintain, and as appropriate, expand military co-operation with Georgia,
including by providing further security and defense
equipment ideally suited for territorial defense
against Russian aggression and related training,
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, the President should take steps to improve the bilateral 6 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. ____7. AUDIT.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that, with the increased presence of the Chinese
Communist Party, the Iranian regime, and Russia in the
Republic of Georgia, it is important to have a firm accounting of United States military equipment in Georgia
in order to prevent theft of such equipment.

(b) AUDIT.—The Secretary of Defense shall conductan audit of—

24 (1) United States military equipment provided25 to the Government of the Republic of Georgia; and

1	(2) the military-to-military relationship with the
2	Government of the Republic of Georgia.
3	(c) Report.—
4	(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
5	the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
6	of Defense shall submit to the appropriate congres-
7	sional committees a report that contains the results
8	of the audit.
9	(2) Appropriate congressional commit-
10	TEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term "ap-
11	propriate congressional committees'' means—
12	(A) the Committee on Armed Services and
13	the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House
14	of Representatives; and
15	(B) the Committee on Armed Services and
16	the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-
17	ate.
18	SEC8. SUNSET.
19	This subtitle shall cease to have any force or effect
20	beginning on the date that is 5 years after the date of
21	the enactment of this Act.

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