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H. R. 2204

To prohibit contracting with persons that have business operations with the Maduro regime, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WALTZ (for himself and Mr. DIAZ-BALART) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

A BILL

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Venezuelan Con-
5 tracting Restriction Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING WITH PERSONS**
7 **THAT HAVE BUSINESS OPERATIONS WITH**
8 **THE MADURO REGIME.**

9 (a) PROHIBITION.—The head of an executive agency
10 may not enter into a contract for the procurement of

1 goods or services with any person that has business oper-
2 ations with an authority of the government of Venezuela
3 that is not recognized as the legitimate government of
4 Venezuela by the United States Government.

5 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) BUSINESS OPERATIONS.—The term “busi-
7 ness operations” means engaging in commerce in
8 any form, including acquiring, developing, maintain-
9 ing, owning, selling, possessing, leasing, or operating
10 equipment, facilities, personnel, products, services,
11 personal property, real property, or any other appa-
12 ratus of business or commerce.

13 (2) EXECUTIVE AGENCY.—The term “executive
14 agency” has the meaning given the term in section
15 133 of title 41, United States Code.

16 (3) PERSON.—The term “person” means—

17 (A) a natural person, corporation, com-
18 pany, business association, partnership, society,
19 trust, or any other nongovernmental entity, or-
20 ganization, or group;

21 (B) any governmental entity or instrumen-
22 tality of a government, including a multilateral
23 development institution (as defined in section
24 1701(c)(3) of the International Financial Insti-
25 tutions Act (22 U.S.C. 262r(c)(3))); and

1 (C) any successor, subunit, parent entity,
2 or subsidiary of, or any entity under common
3 ownership or control with, any entity described
4 in subparagraph (A) or (B).

5 (c) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall apply with re-
6 spect to any contract entered into on or after the date
7 of the enactment of this section.

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