

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 570

To discontinue Radio Martí and Television Martí broadcasts to Cuba.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 27, 2015

Ms. MCCOLLUM introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To discontinue Radio Martí and Television Martí broadcasts
to Cuba.

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 “Stop Wasting Tax-
5 payer Money on Cuba Broadcasting Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) For 30 years, the United States Govern-
9 ment has broadcast news and information to Cuba
10 with the intent to promote freedom and democracy.

1 (2) Since fiscal year 1984, Congress has appro-
2 priated approximately \$770,000,000 to the Office of
3 Cuban Broadcasting to operate Radio and TV
4 Martí, according to the Congressional Research
5 Service.

6 (3) Historical surveys conducted by the Broad-
7 casting Board of Governors indicate that Radio and
8 TV Martí reached an audience of less than 2 percent
9 of Cuban adults in households with landline phones.

10 (4) The Broadcasting Board of Governors has
11 no current, valid estimates of audience size in Cuba
12 and therefore is unable to report on the cost effec-
13 tiveness of its activities.

14 (5) Radio and TV Martí recently were charac-
15 terized by media sources as a symbol of ineffectual
16 Cold War policy and government waste rather than
17 a serious democratic tool.

18 (6) On December 17, 2014, President Barack
19 Obama announced a new policy of engagement to-
20 ward Cuba that “will end an outdated approach
21 that, for decades, has failed to advance our interests,
22 and instead we will begin to normalize relations be-
23 tween our two countries”.

1 **SEC. 3. DISCONTINUATION OF RADIO MARTÍ AND TELE-**
2 **VISION MARTÍ BROADCASTS TO CUBA.**

3 (a) RADIO BROADCASTING TO CUBA ACT.—The
4 Radio Broadcasting to Cuba Act (22 U.S.C. 1465 et seq.)
5 is repealed.

6 (b) TELEVISION BROADCASTING TO CUBA ACT.—
7 The Television Broadcasting to Cuba Act (22 U.S.C.
8 1465aa et seq.) is repealed.

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