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To lift the trade embargo on Cuba.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. ENZI, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. DURBIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

A BILL

To lift the trade embargo on 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 “Freedom to Export
5 to Cuba Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF PROVISIONS RESTRICTING TRADE**
7 **AND OTHER RELATIONS WITH CUBA.**

8 (a) **AUTHORITY FOR EMBARGO.—**

9 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**Section 620(a) of the For-
10 eign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2370(a)) is
11 amended by striking “(1) No assistance” and all

1 that follows through “(2) Except” and inserting
2 “Except”.

3 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1709
4 of the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992 (22 U.S.C.
5 6008) is amended by striking “section 620(a)(2)”
6 and inserting “section 620(a)”.

7 (b) TRADING WITH THE ENEMY ACT.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The authorities conferred
9 upon the President by section 5(b) of the Trading
10 With the Enemy Act (50 U.S.C. App. 5(b)), which
11 were being exercised with respect to Cuba on July
12 1, 1977, as a result of a national emergency de-
13 clared by the President before that date, and are
14 being exercised on the day before the date of the en-
15 actment of this Act, may not be relied upon on or
16 after such date of enactment to continue the imposi-
17 tion of direct restrictions on trade with Cuba.

18 (2) REGULATIONS.—Any regulation that im-
19 poses direct restrictions on trade with Cuba in effect
20 on the day before the date of the enactment of this
21 Act pursuant to the exercise of authorities described
22 in paragraph (1) shall cease to be effective for that
23 purpose on and after such date of enactment.

24 (c) CUBAN DEMOCRACY ACT.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Cuban Democracy Act
2 of 1992 (22 U.S.C. 6001 et seq.) is amended—

3 (A) by striking section 1704 (22 U.S.C.
4 6003);

5 (B) by striking section 1706 (22 U.S.C.
6 6005); and

7 (C) by striking section 1708 (22 U.S.C.
8 6007).

9 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Paragraph (3)
10 of section 204(b) of the Cuban Liberty and Demo-
11 cratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996 (22
12 U.S.C. 6064(b)) is amended to read as follows:

13 “(3) section 1705(d) of the Cuban Democracy
14 Act of 1992 (22 U.S.C. 6004(d));”.

15 (d) CUBAN LIBERTY AND DEMOCRATIC SOLIDARITY
16 ACT.—The Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity
17 (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996 (22 U.S.C. 6021 et seq.) is
18 amended—

19 (1) by striking section 102 (22 U.S.C. 6032);

20 (2) by striking section 103 (22 U.S.C. 6033);

21 and

22 (3) in section 109(a) (22 U.S.C. 6039(a)), by
23 striking “(including section 102 of this Act)”.

24 (e) TRADE SANCTIONS REFORM AND EXPORT EN-
25 HANCEMENT ACT OF 2000.—The Trade Sanctions Re-

1 form and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C.
2 7201 et seq.) is amended—

3 (1) in section 906(a)(1) (22 U.S.C.
4 7205(a)(1)), by striking “Cuba,”;

5 (2) in section 908 (22 U.S.C. 7207)—

6 (A) by striking subsection (b);

7 (B) in subsection (a)—

8 (i) by striking “PROHIBITION” and all
9 that follows through “(1) IN GENERAL.—
10 Notwithstanding” and inserting “IN GEN-
11 ERAL.—Notwithstanding”;

12 (ii) by striking “for exports to Cuba
13 or”;

14 (iii) by striking paragraph (2); and

15 (iv) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
16 subsection (b) and by moving such sub-
17 section, as so redesignated, 2 ems to the
18 left; and

19 (C) in subsection (b), as redesignated by
20 subparagraph (B)(iv), by striking “paragraph
21 (1)” and inserting “subsection (a)”;

22 (3) by striking section 909 (22 U.S.C. 7208).

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