

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5300

OFFERED BY MR. CASTRO OF TEXAS

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. __. SERIOUS AND UNREASONABLE RESTRICTIONS ON
POLITICAL PARTICIPATION.**

Section 116(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151n(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph (and conforming the remainder of that subsection accordingly):

“(14) a description of serious and unreasonable restrictions on political participation or the ability of citizens to elect public representatives through free and fair elections and universal and equal suffrage, including—

“(A) substantial interference with the freedom of peaceful assembly or association; and

“(B) government efforts to restrict civic space and the ability of civil society, including nongovernmental organizations, academia, media, labor unions, and social movements, to engage in public life.”.