

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5300
OFFERED BY MS. SALAZAR OF FLORIDA

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____.** **PRESERVING ACCOUNTABILITY FOR NATIONAL**
2 **ASSETS ACT.**

3 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established in the
4 United States Treasury a fund, to be known as the “Ven-
5 ezuela Restoration Fund”, which shall consist of amounts
6 deposited in the Fund under subsection (d).

7 (b) **USES.**—Amounts in the Fund—

8 (1) shall be available to the Secretary of State
9 only for the purposes described in paragraph (2),
10 without fiscal year limitation or need for subsequent
11 appropriation;

12 (2) shall be used only for the purposes of—

13 (A) strengthening democratic governance
14 and institutions, including the democratically
15 elected National Assembly of Venezuela;

16 (B) defending internationally recognized
17 human rights for the people of Venezuela, in-
18 cluding support for efforts to document crimes
19 against humanity and violations of internation-
20 ally recognized human rights;

1 (C) supporting the efforts of independent
2 media outlets to broadcast, distribute, and
3 share information beyond the limited channels
4 made available by the Maduro regime; and

5 (D) combatting corruption and improving
6 the transparency and accountability of institu-
7 tions that are part of the Maduro regime;

8 (3) may support governmental and nongovern-
9 mental parties in advancing the purposes described
10 in paragraph (2); and

11 (4) shall be allocated in a manner complemen-
12 tary to existing United States foreign assistance, di-
13 plomacy, and anti-corruption activities.

14 (c) FUNDING.—Beginning on or after the date of the
15 enactment of this section, notwithstanding any other pro-
16 vision of law, in the case of any funds or assets forfeited
17 to the United States by an individual or entity connected
18 to the regimes of Hugo Chávez and Nicolás Maduro in
19 Venezuela, the funds or assets will be deposited in the
20 Venezuela Restoration Fund established under subsection
21 (b).

22 (d) REPORTING.—Not later than 1 year after the
23 date of the enactment of this section and not less fre-
24 quently than annually thereafter for 2 years, the Secretary
25 of State shall submit a report to the Committee on For-

1 eign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Com-
2 mittee on Foreign Relations of the Senate that includes—

3 (1) an accounting of the amount and sources of
4 funds that have been deposited into the Venezuela
5 Restoration Fund; and

6 (2) a summary of the obligation, amounts, and
7 expenditure of such funds.

8 (e) SUNSET.—The authority to deposit amounts into,
9 and obligate or expend funds from, the Venezuela Restora-
10 tion Fund under this section shall terminate on the date
11 that is 5 years after the date of enactment of this section.
12 Any unobligated amounts remaining in the Fund on such
13 date shall be returned to the general fund of the Treasury.

