

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4686**  
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Redesignate sections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 as sections 3,  
4, 5, 6, and 7, respectively.

Insert after section 1 the following:

**1 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Prime Minister Hun Sen has been in power  
4 in Cambodia since 1985 and is the longest-serving  
5 leader in Southeast Asia. Despite decades of inter-  
6 national attention and assistance to promote a plu-  
7 ralistic, multi-party democratic system in Cambodia,  
8 the Government of Cambodia continues to be  
9 undemocratically dominated by the ruling Cambodia  
10 People's Party (CPP), which controls every agency  
11 and security apparatus of the state.

12 (2) The Government of Cambodia has taken  
13 several measures, particularly since 2017 and during  
14 the COVID-19 pandemic, to restrict Cambodia's  
15 space for civil society and media environment, espe-  
16 cially through politicized tax investigations against  
17 independent media outlets.

1           (3) On September 3, 2017, Kem Sokha, the  
2           President of the Cambodia National Rescue Party  
3           (CNRP), was arrested on politically motivated  
4           charges and faces up to 30 years in prison. On No-  
5           vember 16, 2017, Cambodia's Supreme Court dis-  
6           solved the CNRP, eliminating the primary opposi-  
7           tion party. While Kem Sokha is no longer in prison,  
8           his movements are restricted, he is prohibited from  
9           engaging in political activity, and his charges remain  
10          pending. The CNRP's previous leader, Sam Rainsy,  
11          remains in unofficial exile, and has been prevented  
12          from returning to the country.

13          (4) Since the CNRP's dissolution, the Govern-  
14          ment of Cambodia has arrested, imprisoned, or  
15          brought politically motivated charges against CNRP  
16          leaders and activists. Starting in November 2020,  
17          the Government of Cambodia has held a series of  
18          mass trials for over 100 individuals affiliated with  
19          the CNRP.

20          (5) Since 1991, the elections that have taken  
21          place in Cambodia were conducted in circumstances  
22          that were not free, fair, and credible or were marked  
23          by fraud, intimidation, violence, and the govern-  
24          ment's misuse of legal mechanisms to weaken oppo-  
25          sition candidates and parties.

1           (6) The United States is committed to pro-  
2           moting democracy, human rights, and the rule of  
3           law in Cambodia. The United States continues to  
4           urge the Government of Cambodia to immediately  
5           drop charges against Kem Sokha, reinstate the polit-  
6           ical status of the CNRP and restore its elected seats  
7           in the National Assembly, and support electoral re-  
8           form efforts in Cambodia with free, fair, and cred-  
9           ible elections monitored by international observers.

