



Countering Socialism and China in the Western Hemisphere in the 118th Congress


This Congress, the House Foreign Affairs Committee has passed significant legislation to secure our southern border and counter fentanyl trafficking. America's adversaries have drastically increased their presence in the Western Hemisphere and have exploited endemic corruption driven by leftist governments to advance geopolitical agendas contrary to our interests. The resulting landscape is filled with growing challenges, including cartels capitalizing on our open borders by smuggling deadly drugs like fentanyl and illegal aliens into the U.S. Furthermore, terrorists are taking advantage of our open borders, threatening U.S. national security.

HOUSE-PASSED LEGISLATION:

H.R. 1690, the ORDER Act (Chairman McCaul) – part of H.R. 2

-  Requires the Department of State to negotiate agreements with Western Hemisphere countries concerning issues related to immigration enforcement, such as the Migrant Protection Protocols (Remain in Mexico).


H.R.1684, the Haiti Criminal Collusion Transparency Act of 2023 (Rep. Meeks & Chairman McCaul)

-  Imposes sanctions on Haitian individuals found to be exacerbating the criminal crisis on the island. It also requires the Department of State to provide an annual report to Congress on ties between criminal gangs and political and economic elites in Haiti.

H.R.2789, the American Cooperation with Our Neighbors Act (Rep. Stanton)


-  Addresses certain types of cooperation between the United States, Mexico, and countries in Central America and the Caribbean.

H.Res. 683, Expressing support for the diplomatic relations required to encourage the Government of Mexico to fulfill its water deliveries on an annual basis to the United States under the treaty between the United States and Mexico regarding the utilization of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande. (Rep. De La Cruz)

-  Expresses support for the diplomatic engagement required to encourage the government of Mexico to make annual water deliveries to the United States under a 1944 treaty.




H.R. 3569, the Starr–Camargo Bridge Expansion Act (Rep. Cuellar)


 Provides for the expansion of the Starr-Camargo Bridge near Rio Grande City, Texas, and for other purposes.

COMMITTEE-PASSED LEGISLATION:


H.R. 6831, the VERDAD Reauthorization Act (Rep. Salazar)

 Reauthorizes expired sanctions on the criminal Venezuelan regime, targeting the export of defense articles and services to Venezuelan security forces, and on those who are responsible for or affiliated with efforts to undermine democracy and human rights in Venezuela. It also extends visa and asset blocking sanctions on Venezuelan officials that have violated human rights of Venezuelan citizens.

H.R. 314, the Fighting Oppression until the Reign of Castro Ends Act (Rep. Salazar)


 Prohibits removing Cuba from the list of State Sponsors of Terrorism until the President makes the determination that a transitional Cuban government is in power.

H.R. 3205, the Project Precursor Act (Chairman McCaul)

 Expands sanctions authorities on fentanyl traffickers; requires new, significant steps to be taken to list fentanyl as a chemical weapon under an international treaty; assists the Mexican government in disrupting the fentanyl supply chain; and requires strict accounting regarding effectiveness of such programs.

H.Res. 578, Calling for the immediate release of Eyvin Hernandez, a United States citizen and Los Angeles County public defender, who was wrongfully detained by the Venezuelan regime in March 2022.

(Rep. Kamlager-Dove & Rep. Young Kim)

 Calls on the government of Venezuela to free Eyvin Hernandez, a U.S. citizen from unjust imprisonment in Caracas. The resolution also expresses support for all American citizens wrongfully detained in Venezuela.