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# S. 1417

To establish a Venezuela Reconstruction Fund, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 28, 2021

Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. RUBIO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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## A BILL

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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 “Preserving Account-  
5 ability for National Assets Act of 2021” or the “PANA  
6 Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. VENEZUELA RESTORATION FUND.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the  
9 United States Treasury a fund, to be known as the “Ven-  
10 ezuela Restoration Fund”, which shall consist of amounts  
11 deposited in the Fund under subsection (c).

1 (b) USES.—Amounts in the Fund—

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

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

7 (A) strengthening democratic governance  
8 and institutions, including the democratically  
9 elected National Assembly of Venezuela;

10 (B) defending internationally recognized  
11 human rights for the people of Venezuela, in-  
12 cluding support for efforts to document crimes  
13 against humanity and violations of human  
14 rights;

15 (C) supporting the efforts of independent  
16 media outlets to broadcast, distribute, and  
17 share information beyond the limited channels  
18 made available by the Maduro regime; and

19 (D) combatting corruption and improving  
20 the transparency and accountability of institu-  
21 tions that are part of the Maduro regime;

22 (3) may support governmental and nongovern-  
23 mental parties in advancing the purposes described  
24 in paragraph (2); and

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

4           (c) FUNDING.—Beginning on or after the date of the  
5           enactment of this Act, notwithstanding any other provi-  
6           sion of law, in the case of any funds or assets forfeited  
7           to the United States by an individual or entity connected  
8           to the regimes of Hugo Chávez and Nicolás Maduro in  
9           Venezuela, the funds or assets will be deposited in the  
10          Venezuela Reconstruction Fund established under sub-  
11          section (a).

12          (d) REPORTING.—Not later than 1 year after the  
13          date of the enactment of this Act and not less frequently  
14          than annually thereafter, the Secretary of State shall sub-  
15          mit a report to the appropriate congressional committees  
16          that includes—

17                (1) an accounting of the amount and sources of  
18                funds that have been deposited into the Venezuela  
19                Restoration Fund; and

20                (2) a summary of the obligation, amounts, and  
21                expenditure of such funds.

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