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# H. R. 8863

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUIZENGA (for himself, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mrs. WAGNER, and Mr. SHERMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Bringing Real Ac-  
3 countability Via Enforcement in Burma Act” or the  
4 “BRAVE Burma Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF SUNSET.**

6 Section 5574 of the Burma Unified through Rigorous  
7 Military Accountability Act of 2022 (subtitle E of title LV  
8 of division E of the James M. Inhofe National Defense  
9 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023; 22 U.S.C. 10225)  
10 is amended by striking “8 years” and inserting “10  
11 years”.

12 **SEC. 3. MODIFICATIONS TO REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**

13 Section 5571(e) of the James M. Inhofe National De-  
14 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (22 U.S.C.  
15 10222(e)) is amended to read as follows:

16 “(e) ASSESSMENT AND REPORT ON SANCTIONS  
17 WITH RESPECT TO BURMESE PERSONS.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
19 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-  
20 nually thereafter for 7 years, the President shall de-  
21 termine whether the following persons meet the cri-  
22 teria for sanctions described under subsection (a) or  
23 under Executive Order 14014 (86 Fed. Reg. 9429;  
24 relating to blocking property with respect to the sit-  
25 uation in Burma):

1           “(A) Any Burmese state-owned enterprise  
2 described in subsection (c)(1).

3           “(B) Myanma Economic Bank.

4           “(C) Any foreign person that the President  
5 determines operates in the jet fuel sector of the  
6 Burmese economy, including through activities  
7 such as the provision of financial services or the  
8 importation, exportation, reexportation, sale,  
9 supply, trade, storage, or transport, directly or  
10 indirectly, of jet fuel in Burma.

11           “(2) REPORT REQUIRED.—Upon making the  
12 determination required by paragraph (1), the Presi-  
13 dent shall submit to the appropriate congressional  
14 committees a report on the assessment.

15           “(3) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required  
16 by paragraph (2) shall be submitted in unclassified  
17 form but may include a classified annex.”.

18 **SEC. 4. LIMITATION OF SHAREHOLDING BENEFITTING THE**  
19                   **STATE ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL OF**  
20                   **BURMA.**

21           (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury  
22 shall instruct the United States Executive Director at the  
23 International Monetary Fund to use the voice and vote  
24 of the United States, when assessing potential changes to  
25 any shareholding formula in connection with a governance

1 review of the Fund, to limit, as appropriate, an increase  
2 to the shareholding of Burma if the country is subject to  
3 the rule of the State Administration Council.

4 (b) WAIVER.—The President of the United States  
5 may waive the application of subsection (a) upon certifying  
6 to the Committee on Financial Services of the House of  
7 Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations  
8 of the Senate that the waiver is important to the national  
9 interest of the United States, with a detailed explanation  
10 of the reasons therefor.

11 **SEC. 5. UNITED STATES SPECIAL COORDINATOR FOR BUR-**  
12 **MESE DEMOCRACY.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is within the office of the  
14 Secretary of State a United States Special Coordinator for  
15 Burmese Democracy (in this section referred to as the  
16 “Special Coordinator”) who shall be appointed by the  
17 President, by and with the advice and consent of the Sen-  
18 ate.

19 (b) CENTRAL OBJECTIVE.—The Special Coordinator  
20 should develop a comprehensive strategy for the implemen-  
21 tation of the full range of United States diplomatic capa-  
22 bilities to promote human rights and the restoration of  
23 civilian government in Burma.

24 (c) DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Special  
25 Coordinator should, as appropriate, assist in—

1           (1) coordinating the sanctions policies of the  
2 United States under the Burma Unified through  
3 Rigorous Military Accountability Act of 2022 (22  
4 U.S.C. 10201 et seq.) with relevant bureaus and of-  
5 fices within the Department of State and other rel-  
6 evant United States Government agencies;

7           (2) promoting a comprehensive international ef-  
8 fort to impose and enforce multilateral sanctions  
9 with respect to Burma;

10          (3) coordinating with and supporting inter-  
11 agency United States Government efforts, including  
12 efforts of the United States Ambassador to Burma,  
13 the United States Ambassador to ASEAN, and the  
14 United States Permanent Representative to the  
15 United Nations, relating to—

16           (A) identifying opportunities to coordinate  
17 with and exert pressure on the governments of  
18 the People’s Republic of China and the Russian  
19 Federation to support multilateral action  
20 against the Burmese military;

21           (B) working with like-minded partners to  
22 impose a coordinated arms embargo on the  
23 Burmese military and targeted sanctions on the  
24 economic interests of the Burmese military, in-  
25 cluding through the introduction and adoption

1 of a United Nations Security Council resolu-  
2 tion;

3 (C) engaging in direct dialogue with Bur-  
4 mese civil society, democracy advocates, ethnic  
5 minority representative groups, and organiza-  
6 tions or groups representing the protest move-  
7 ment and the officials elected in 2020, such as  
8 the Committee Representing the Pyidaungsu  
9 Hluttaw, the National Unity Government, the  
10 National Unity Consultative Council, the Ethnic  
11 Resistance Revolutionary Organizations, and  
12 their designated representatives;

13 (D) encouraging the United Nations Inde-  
14 pendent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar  
15 to incorporate accountability mechanisms in re-  
16 lation to the atrocities against Rohingya and  
17 other ethnic groups, to take further steps to  
18 make its leadership and membership ethnically  
19 diverse, and to incorporate measures to enhance  
20 ethnic reconciliation and national unity into its  
21 policy agenda;

22 (E) assisting efforts by the relevant United  
23 Nations Special Envoys and Special  
24 Rapporteurs to secure the release of all political

1 prisoners in Burma, promote respect for human  
2 rights, and encourage dialogue; and

3 (F) supporting nongovernmental organiza-  
4 tions operating in Burma and neighboring  
5 countries working to restore civilian democratic  
6 rule to Burma and to address the urgent hu-  
7 manitarian needs of the people of Burma;

8 (4) providing timely input for reporting on the  
9 impacts of the implementation of the Burma Unified  
10 through Rigorous Military Accountability Act of  
11 2022 on the Burmese military and the people of  
12 Burma; and

13 (5) reporting to and coordinating with Con-  
14 gress.

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