

## HR 2615

United States-Northern Triangle Enhanced Engagement Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** International Affairs

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

**Cosponsors** (38 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		May 9, 2019
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Rep. Rooney, Francis [R-FL-19]	R · FL		May 9, 2019
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Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		May 15, 2019
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Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		May 21, 2019
Rep. Allred, Colin Z. [D-TX-32]	D · TX		May 22, 2019
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Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jun 10, 2019
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Rep. Shalala, Donna E. [D-FL-27]	D · FL		Jun 10, 2019
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Rep. Curtis, John R. [R-UT-3]	R · UT		Jun 12, 2019
Rep. Yoho, Ted S. [R-FL-3]	R · FL		Jun 12, 2019
Rep. Torres Small, Xochitl [D-NM-2]	D · NM		Jun 18, 2019
Rep. Brooks, Susan W. [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Jun 19, 2019
Rep. Crenshaw, Dan [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Jun 24, 2019
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Jun 24, 2019
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Jun 24, 2019
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Jun 24, 2019
Rep. Watkins, Steve [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Jun 24, 2019
Rep. Guest, Michael [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Jun 25, 2019
Rep. Kinzinger, Adam [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Jun 25, 2019
Rep. Reschenthaler, Guy [R-PA-14]	R · PA		Jun 25, 2019
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Jul 11, 2019
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Jul 15, 2019
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Jul 15, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Markup By	May 22, 2019
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 16, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 26, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

International Affairs

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 15, 2019)

United States-Northern Triangle Enhanced Engagement Act

This bill authorizes foreign assistance to El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras (the Northern Triangle), and requires the Department of State to devise strategies to address economic development, corruption, and other issues in those countries. It also requires reports on various related topics, including factors that drive migrants from those countries to the United States.

A portion of the assistance authorized for the Northern Triangle shall be conditioned upon the receiving country taking various actions, including (1) informing its citizens of the dangers of the journey to the United States, (2) fighting human and drug trafficking, and (3) combatting corruption.

The State Department shall devise strategies directed at the Northern Triangle region to (1) promote inclusive economic growth that addresses the underlying causes of poverty and inequality, (2) combat corruption, (3) strengthen democratic institutions and rule of law, and (4) improve security conditions through means such as the professionalization of security services.

The State Department shall designate a Senior Rule of Law Advisor for the Northern Triangle.

The State Department shall also devise a strategy to work with Mexico to strengthen its southern border.

The President shall impose sanctions on foreign persons determined to be involved in a significant act of corruption in a Northern Triangle country. Individuals who engage in such corruption shall be subject to property-blocking sanctions and barred from entering the United States.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 16, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
- **Jul 15, 2019:** Mr. Engel moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended. (consideration: CR H5780-5786)
- **Jul 15, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules.
- **Jul 15, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 2615.
- **Jul 15, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5780-5784)
- **Jul 15, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5780-5784)
- **Jul 15, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 26, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
- **May 22, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 22, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **May 22, 2019:** Committee Agreed to Seek Consideration Under Suspension of the Rules.
- **May 9, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **May 9, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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.