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# H. R. 4804

To authorize an annual strategic dialogue to return democratic rule to Belarus, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2025

Mr. KEATING (for himself, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Ms. KAPTUR, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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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. U.S.-BELARUS STRATEGIC DIALOGUE.**

4 The Secretary of State is authorized to facilitate an  
5 annual strategic dialogue with the Belarusian democratic  
6 movement that seeks to—

7 (1) consider the efforts needed to return to  
8 democratic rule in Belarus, including the efforts  
9 needed to support free and fair elections in Belarus;

1           (2) support the day-to-day functions of the  
2 Belarus democratic movement, which represents the  
3 legitimate aspirations of the Belarusian people;

4           (3) ensure that Belarusians living outside the  
5 territory of Belarus have adequate access to essen-  
6 tial services;

7           (4) respond to the political, economic, and secu-  
8 rity impacts of events in Belarus and Russia on  
9 neighboring countries in the wider region;

10          (5) ensure accountability, including through  
11 sanctions, for the regime of Alyaksandr Lukashenka  
12 for its human rights abuses and support for Russia's  
13 war of aggression in Ukraine;

14          (6) facilitate the release of political prisoners  
15 and other wrongfully detained individuals in Belarus  
16 including journalists; and

17          (7) support Belarusian language and cultural  
18 programs, including by supporting Belarusian lan-  
19 guage independent media programs, and Belarusian  
20 civil society, including through efforts to restore de-  
21 mocracy and the regular function of democratic in-  
22 stitutions in Belarus.

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