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S. 3595

To prohibit the use of funds for the deployment of United States military or intelligence personnel in Venezuela for certain purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BENNET introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 “No War with Ven-
5 ezuela Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON DEPLOYMENT OF UNITED STATES**

7 **MILITARY OR INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL IN**
8 **VENEZUELA.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—No Federal funds may be used
10 for the deployment of United States military or intel-

1 ligence personnel in Venezuela for the following purposes
2 without congressional authorization:

3 (1) Conducting military operations against the
4 regime or people of Venezuela.

5 (2) Assisting United States law enforcement op-
6 erations, including efforts to arrest individuals in-
7 dicted by the United States Government.

8 (3) Any military occupation of Venezuela, in-
9 cluding activities that would be reasonably viewed as
10 administering its governance.

11 (4) Providing security or other services to pri-
12 vate extractive industries, including oil companies.

13 (5) Any other activities Congress has not explic-
14 itly authorized.

15 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—The prohibition under subsection
16 (a) does not apply to the following activities:

17 (1) Defense against an attack by Venezuela on
18 the United States personnel or facilities located out-
19 side the United States.

20 (2) Activities solely for the purposes of col-
21 lecting, analyzing, or sharing intelligence and coun-
22 terintelligence information of interest to the United
23 States Government.

24 (3) Activities solely for ensuring the security of
25 any United States diplomatic presence in Venezuela.

1 (4) Collecting, analyzing, or sharing intelligence
2 and counterintelligence information for the purposes
3 of securing the safe return of United States nation-
4 als wrongfully detained in Venezuela.

5 (5) Collecting, analyzing, or sharing intelligence
6 and counterintelligence information for the purposes
7 of interdicting and disrupting the production and
8 distribution of illicit narcotics that the United States
9 intelligence community finds to be emanating from
10 Venezuela.

11 (6) Activities solely for the purposes of coun-
12 tering the activities of the Governments of the Peo-
13 ple's Republic of China, the Russian Federation,
14 Iran, and the Democratic Republic of Korea in Ven-
15 ezuela and neighboring countries.

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