



STOP MADNESS Act

In response to the escalating crisis of unlawful immigration and the exploitation of transnational criminal organizations benefiting from human smuggling, Chairman Tim Scott and Senator Bernie Moreno developed the **Stifling Transnational Operations and Proliferators: Mitigating Activities that Drive Narcotics, Exploitation, and Smuggling Sanctions Act (STOP MADNESS Act)**. The Stop Madness Act will target criminal networks, human traffickers, and foreign governments complicit in facilitating the unlawful migration that threatens U.S. national security and undermines the integrity of the U.S. immigration system.

Foreign governments that refuse to repatriate their citizens who have unlawfully entered the United States enable further illegal immigration, strain U.S. law enforcement resources, and embolden human smuggling operations. Additionally, transnational criminal organizations profit from trafficking migrants while engaging in narcotics distribution, money laundering, and other illicit activities that directly harm American communities.

The **STOP MADNESS Act** will impose economic sanctions on foreign governments that obstruct U.S. repatriation efforts and on individuals and entities that knowingly facilitate unlawful immigration. By leveraging the power of financial restrictions, the Act will cut off access to the U.S. financial system for bad actors fueling illegal migration and exploitation.

Specifically, the STOP MADNESS Act would:

- **Impose sanctions** on foreign governments that refuse to accept the return of their citizens who have unlawfully entered the United States, denying them access to the U.S. financial system.
- **Sanction individuals and entities** that knowingly facilitate unlawful immigration, including human smuggling networks and financial institutions that enable their operations.
- **Authorize the President** to invoke authorities under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) to block assets and restrict transactions related to sanctioned individuals and entities.
- **Mandate a report** from the President on actions taken pursuant to the bill, providing transparency to Congress for further legislative action.

The **STOP MADNESS Act** ensures that those responsible for enabling illegal migration and human exploitation face real consequences. By cutting off financial resources and holding foreign governments accountable, this legislation strengthens U.S. national security, disrupts transnational criminal enterprises, and reinforces the rule of law.