**A Bill to Sanction Venezuela for Food Trafficking**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**Section 1**. Economic sanctions shall be imposed against officials in the Venezuelan military and government who are identified as engaging in illegal trafficking in food.

**Section 2**. Economic sanctions may include freezing bank accounts, prohibiting the distribution of goods and services, or tariffs on imports intended for sanctioned officials.

**Section 3.** The Department of State shall identify which Venezuelan military and governmental officials are engaged in the trafficking of food. Upon identification, the Department of the Treasury will impose sanctions until such time as the Secretary of State has determined that the Venezuelan president has confirmed that those engaged in such trafficking have been arrested, convicted, and imprisoned.

**SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on May 1, 2017.

**Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by \_\_\_\_\_\_.*