

Tri-County Regional Black Chamber of Commerce
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The United States-Caribbean Strategic Engagement Act (H.R. 4939)

The United States-Caribbean Strategic Engagement Act (**H.R. 4939**) law, calls for an increase engagement of the US with the governments of the Caribbean region, the Caribbean Diaspora community in the United States and the private sector and civil society in both the United States and the Caribbean.

It also calls for The Department of State shall submit to Congress a multi-year strategy for U.S. engagement with the Caribbean region that:

- identifies State Department and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) efforts to prioritize U.S. policy towards the Caribbean region;
- broadens State Department and USAID outreach to the Caribbean Diaspora community in the United States to promote their involvement in Caribbean economic development and citizen security;
- outlines an approach to partner with Caribbean governments to improve citizen security, reduce illicit drug trafficking, strengthen the rule of law, and improve the effectiveness of the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative (CBSI);
- encourages efforts of the region to implement regional and national strategies that improve Caribbean energy security;
- improves diplomatic engagement with Caribbean governments; and
- assists Caribbean countries in diversifying their economies, reducing free trade and investment barriers, and supporting the training and employment of persons in marginalized communities.

