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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KEATING (for himself, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. COHEN, and Ms. SALAZAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Transparent and Ac-
5 cessible Sanctions Coordinating Office Act” or the
6 “TASCO Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2 It is the sense of Congress as follows:

3 (1) The United States will increasingly use
4 sanctions as an important foreign policy tool in hold-
5 ing accountable malign actors in the international
6 community and to compel state and non-state actors
7 to conform to international norms.

8 (2) The increasing volume of data related to
9 United States sanctions will become more crucial in
10 determining its efficacy.

11 (3) The data related to United States sanctions
12 must be centralized and regularly managed.

13 (4) Data from various departments and agen-
14 cies must be aggregated and updated, including
15 travel sanctions, financial sanctions, trade sanctions,
16 and export controls. Although various agencies will
17 still maintain their jurisdiction over implementing
18 these various sanctions, one office must be respon-
19 sible for compiling and displaying such data in an
20 easily accessible format. Various systems handling
21 such data should interface and automatically update
22 such data in regular and frequent intervals.

23 (5) The United States will make available this
24 critical data related to United States sanctions to in-
25 dividuals, academic institutions, media outlets, and

1 non-governmental organizations, conducting analysis
2 on sanctions programs through an online platform.

3 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF TRANSPARENT AND ACCES-**
4 **SIBLE SANCTIONS COORDINATING OFFICE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall take such
6 steps as may be necessary to ensure that all materials re-
7 lating to the imposition of sanctions, including guidance,
8 lists of sanctioned persons, and procedures relating to gen-
9 eral and specific licenses, are made available in a consoli-
10 dated, machine-readable database.

11 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the ex-
12 ecutive branch of the Federal Government the Trans-
13 parent and Accessible Sanctions Coordinating Office
14 (“TASCO”), which shall be responsible for carrying out
15 the duties described in subsection (d).

16 (c) DIRECTOR AND STAFF.—

17 (1) APPOINTMENT.—The head of the TASCO
18 shall be a Director appointed by the Secretary of
19 State. The position of Director shall be a career po-
20 sition in the civil service.

21 (2) STAFF.—The Director of the TASCO may
22 appoint personnel as the Director considers appro-
23 priate.

24 (3) APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN CIVIL SERVICE
25 LAWS.—The Director and the staff of the TASCO

1 shall be appointed subject to the provisions of title
2 5, United States Code, governing appointments
3 made in the competitive service, and shall be paid in
4 accordance with the provisions of chapter 51 and
5 subchapter III of chapter 53 of that title relating to
6 classification and General Schedule Pay rates.

7 (d) DUTIES.—

8 (1) DATABASE.—

9 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180
10 days after the enactment of this Act, the Direc-
11 tor of the TASCOCO shall establish a publicly
12 available, downloadable, searchable, sortable,
13 and machine-readable database of individuals
14 and entities subject to United States sanctions.
15 Such database shall be published on a publicly
16 available website of the TASCOCO.

17 (B) STANDARDIZED FORMAT.—In devel-
18 oping the database under subparagraph (A),
19 the Director of the TASCOCO, in consultation
20 with each covered Federal actor, shall establish
21 a standardized format for the compilation, stor-
22 age, and display of all data included in such
23 database.

1 (C) REQUIRED CONSOLIDATION OF SANC-
2 TIONS LISTS.—The database under subpara-
3 graph (A) shall include the following—

4 (i) The List of Specially Designated
5 Nationals and Blocked Persons maintained
6 by the Office of Foreign Asset Control of
7 the Department of the Treasury.

8 (ii) The Entity List maintained by the
9 Bureau of Industry and Security of the
10 Department of Commerce.

11 (iii) Individuals or entities subject to
12 sanctions maintained and enforced by the
13 Office of Economic Sanctions Policy and
14 Implementation of the Department of
15 State.

16 (iv) Any other individual or entity
17 subject to sanctions imposed under United
18 States law, including sanctions relating to
19 ineligibility for visas or other authorization
20 to enter the United States.

21 (D) MINIMUM DATA ATTRIBUTE REQUIRE-
22 MENTS.—The Director of the TASCOCO shall en-
23 sure that the data for each sanction included in
24 the database under subparagraph (A) includes,
25 at a minimum, the following:

- 1 (i) The name, and any alias, of the
2 sanctioned individual or entity (including
3 an aircraft or vessel).
- 4 (ii) The country of origin or citizen-
5 ship of such individual or entity.
- 6 (iii) The industry type, if applicable.
- 7 (iv) The position of the individual in
8 their organization, if applicable.
- 9 (v) The reason for sanction, including
10 but not limited to the criminal violation or
11 malign act.
- 12 (vi) The date of sanction.
- 13 (vii) The region of sanction and if
14 available, address of registration.
- 15 (viii) If available, any unique tax iden-
16 tification number.
- 17 (ix) The type of sanctions, including
18 but not limited to travel, financial, and/or
19 trade.
- 20 (x) Harmonized System code, if appli-
21 cable.
- 22 (xi) Any other data attribute relevant
23 to the notification and reporting of sanc-
24 tions activities.

1 (E) MAINTENANCE OF CURRENCY OF
2 DATABASE AND WEBSITE.—Beginning not later
3 than 90 days after the date of the establish-
4 ment of the database under subparagraph (A),
5 and not later than 30 days after the entry into
6 force of any new statutory authority or Execu-
7 tive order relating to new or additional sanc-
8 tions, the Director of the TASCOCO shall update
9 the database, and the website on which the
10 database is published.

11 (F) COORDINATION.—In carrying out this
12 paragraph, the Director of the TASCOCO shall co-
13 ordinate, as appropriate, with covered Federal
14 actors.

15 (2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than one
16 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
17 Secretary of State, acting through the Director of
18 the TASCOCO and in consultation with each covered
19 Federal actor, shall submit to the appropriate con-
20 gressional committees a report on the transparency
21 and accessibility of the database under subpara-
22 graph (A) and the website on which the database is
23 published. Such report shall identify the following:

24 (A) The number of individual users who
25 have accessed the database through the website.

1 (B) Any technical actions that have been
2 taken to ensure the accessibility and trans-
3 parency of data available on the database.

4 (C) Any stakeholder engagement that has
5 been conducted to ensure that all relevant par-
6 ties, including those with decision-making au-
7 thority, members of the business community,
8 and other members of civil society, may effec-
9 tively access such data.

10 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
12 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
13 mittees” means—

14 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
15 the Committee on Financial Services of the
16 House of Representatives; and

17 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations
18 and the Committee on Finance of the Senate.

19 (2) CIVIL SERVICE.—The term “civil service”
20 has the meaning given that term in section 2101 of
21 title 5, United States Code.

22 (3) COVERED FEDERAL ACTOR.—The term
23 “covered Federal actor” means the following:

24 (A) The Secretary of State.

25 (B) The Secretary of the Treasury.

1 (C) The Secretary of Commerce.

2 (D) The head of any other Federal depart-
3 ment or agency relevant to the imposition or
4 enforcement of United States sanctions.

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