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# H. R. 6010

To invalidate the use of United States passports to travel to Iran, and  
for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 20, 2023

Mr. McCORMICK (for himself, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. McCLINTOCK, Mr. WALTZ,  
and Mr. CLYDE) introduced the following bill

OCTOBER 25, 2023

Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## A BILL

To invalidate the use of United States passports to travel  
to Iran, and for other purposes.

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 “Stop the Iranian Hos-  
5 tage Business Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INVALIDATION OF PASSPORTS FOR TRAVEL TO**  
7 **IRAN.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall take  
9 such steps as may be necessary, pursuant to the authority

1 provided by section 1 of the Act entitled “An Act to regu-  
2 late the issue and validity of passports, and for other pur-  
3 poses”, approved July 3, 1926 (22 U.S.C. 211a; com-  
4 monly referred to as the “Passport Act”), to declare  
5 United States passports invalid for travel to, in, or  
6 through Iran.

7 (b) EXCEPTIONS FOR CERTAIN TRAVEL.—The re-  
8 striction under subsection (a) may be waived with respect  
9 to an individual’s passport if the Secretary of State deter-  
10 mines that such individual is traveling to Iran in the na-  
11 tional interest due to the fact that—

12 (1) the applicant is a professional reporter or  
13 journalist, the purpose of whose trip is to obtain,  
14 and make available to the public, information about  
15 Iran;

16 (2) the applicant is a representative of the  
17 International Committee of the Red Cross or the  
18 American Red Cross traveling pursuant to an offi-  
19 cially-sponsored Red Cross mission;

20 (3) the applicant’s travel is justified by compel-  
21 ling humanitarian considerations including—

22 (A) visiting a family member who is par-  
23 ticularly vulnerable because of age, disability, or  
24 living circumstances;

1                   (B) caring for a seriously or terminally ill  
2                   relative;

3                   (C) attending a funeral; or

4                   (D) receiving medical treatment; or

5                   (4) the applicant's travel is otherwise in the na-  
6                   tional interest.

7                   (c) TERMINATION.—The restriction under subsection  
8 (a) shall terminate on the date that is 8 years after the  
9 date of the enactment of this Act.

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