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H. R. 6431

To suspend the designation of the State of Qatar as a major non-NATO ally.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OGLES (for himself and Mr. BIGGS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To suspend the designation of the State of Qatar as a major non-NATO ally.

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 “Trust But Verify Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. SUSPENSION OF DESIGNATION OF THE STATE OF**

6 **QATAR AS A MAJOR NON-NATO ALLY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Effective beginning on the date
8 of the enactment of this Act—

9 (1) the designation of the State of Qatar as a
10 major non-NATO ally pursuant to section 517(a)(1)

1 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
2 2321k(a)(1)) or any other provision if law is hereby
3 suspended; and

4 (2) no Federal funds may be used to reinstate
5 such designation unless the President submits to the
6 appropriate congressional committees a certification
7 described in subsection (b).

8 (b) CERTIFICATION.—A certification described in this
9 subsection is a certification that contains a determination
10 of the President that the State of Qatar no longer directly
11 supports, financially or otherwise, acts of international
12 terrorism or foreign terrorist organizations.

13 (c) TERMINATION.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
15 the date on which the President submits to Congress
16 a certification described in subsection (b), and every
17 90 days thereafter, the President, acting through the
18 Secretary of State, shall submit to the appropriate
19 congressional committees a written determination
20 that the State of Qatar is continuing to meet the re-
21 quirements of subsection (b).

22 (2) TERMINATION.—If the President submits to
23 the appropriate congressional committees a written
24 determination under paragraph (1) that the State of
25 Qatar is not continuing to meet the requirements of

1 subsection (b), then effective beginning on the date
2 of the submission of such determination—

3 (A) the designation of the State of Qatar
4 as a major non-NATO ally pursuant to section
5 517(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of
6 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321k(a)(1)) or any other pro-
7 vision if law is hereby terminated; and

8 (B) the President may not issue a separate
9 designation of the State of Qatar as a major
10 non-NATO ally pursuant to section 517(a)(1)
11 of such Act or any other provision of law.

12 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

13 In this Act:

14 (1) AFFILIATE.—The term “affiliate”—

15 (A) has the meaning given such term in
16 section 230.405 of title 17, Code of Federal
17 Regulations (as in effect on the date of the en-
18 actment of this Act); and

19 (B) includes a person that—

20 (i) is closely associated with another
21 person typically in a dependent or subordi-
22 nate position; or

23 (ii) has a common purpose of shared
24 characteristics with another person.

1 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
2 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
3 mittees” means—

4 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
5 the House of Representatives; and

6 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
7 the Senate.

8 (3) FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION.—The
9 term “foreign terrorist organization” means an or-
10 ganization designated as a foreign terrorist organiza-
11 tion by the Secretary of State in accordance with
12 section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
13 (8 U.S.C. 1189).

14 (4) INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.—The term
15 “international terrorism”—

16 (A) has the meaning given the term in sec-
17 tion 2331 of title 18, United States Code; and

18 (B) includes any circumstance in which the
19 State of Qatar—

20 (i) refuses or fails to immediately sur-
21 render any member or affiliate of Hamas
22 or any other designated foreign terrorist
23 organization to the custody of the United
24 States, Israel, or a mutually agreed upon

1 third party that intends to prosecute such
2 persons;

3 (ii) obstructs, delays, or otherwise un-
4 dermines any effort to secure the imme-
5 diate release of every person held by the
6 foreign terrorist organization Hamas be-
7 ginning on and after October 7, 2023;

8 (iii) declines to extradite foreign na-
9 tionals assessed by the Secretary of State
10 to have directly engaged in acts of inter-
11 national terrorism to countries intending to
12 prosecute such foreign nationals; or

13 (iv) provides or otherwise knowingly
14 and intentionally facilitates the provision of
15 any funds (as defined in section
16 2339C(e)(2) of title 18, United States
17 Code) to Iran, Afghanistan, a state spon-
18 sor of terrorism, or a foreign terrorist or-
19 ganization.

20 (5) STATE SPONSOR OF TERRORISM.—The term
21 “state sponsor of terrorism” means any country the
22 government of which has repeatedly provided sup-
23 port for international terrorism pursuant to—

24 (A) section 1754(c)(1)(A) of the Export
25 Control Reform Act (50 U.S.C. 4318(c)(1)(A));

1 (B) section 620A of the Foreign Assistance
2 Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371);

3 (C) section 40 of the Arms Export Control
4 Act (22 U.S.C. 2780); or

5 (D) any other applicable provision of law.

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