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To impose sanctions with respect to the Supreme Leader of Iran and the President of Iran and their respective offices for human rights abuses and support for terrorism.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. PADILLA) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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## 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 “Mahsa Amini Human  
5 rights and Security Accountability Act” or the “MAHSA  
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE**  
2 **OFFICES OF THE SUPREME LEADER AND**  
3 **PRESIDENT OF IRAN AND AFFILIATED PER-**  
4 **SONS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—

6 (1) DETERMINATION AND REPORT RE-  
7 QUIRED.—Not later than 90 days after the date of  
8 the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,  
9 the President shall—

10 (A) determine whether each foreign person  
11 described in subsection (b) meets the criteria  
12 for imposition of sanctions under one or more  
13 of the sanctions programs and authorities listed  
14 in paragraph (2);

15 (B) impose applicable sanctions with re-  
16 spect to any foreign person determined to meet  
17 the criteria for imposition of sanctions pursuant  
18 to subparagraph (A) under the sanctions pro-  
19 grams and authorities listed in subparagraph  
20 (A) or (F) of paragraph (2);

21 (C) pursue applicable sanctions with re-  
22 spect to any foreign person determined to meet  
23 the criteria for imposition of sanctions pursuant  
24 to subparagraph (A) under the sanctions pro-  
25 grams and authorities listed in subparagraph  
26 (B), (C), (D), or (E) of paragraph (2); and

1 (D) submit to the appropriate congres-  
2 sional committees a report containing—

3 (i) a list of all foreign persons de-  
4 scribed in subsection (b) that meet the cri-  
5 teria for imposition of sanctions under one  
6 or more of the sanctions programs and au-  
7 thorities listed in paragraph (2); and

8 (ii) for each foreign person identified  
9 pursuant to clause (i)—

10 (I) a list of each sanctions pro-  
11 gram or authority listed in paragraph  
12 (2) for which the person meets the  
13 criteria for imposition of sanctions;

14 (II) a statement of which, if any,  
15 of the sanctions authorized by any of  
16 the sanctions programs and authori-  
17 ties identified pursuant to subclause  
18 (I) have been imposed or will be im-  
19 posed within 30 days of the submis-  
20 sion of the report; and

21 (III) with respect to which any of  
22 the sanctions authorized by any of the  
23 sanctions programs and authorities  
24 identified pursuant to subclause (I)  
25 have not been imposed and will not be

1 imposed within 30 days of the submis-  
2 sion of the report—

3 (aa) the specific authority  
4 under which otherwise applicable  
5 sanctions are being waived, have  
6 otherwise been determined not to  
7 apply, or are not being imposed;  
8 and

9 (bb) a complete justification  
10 of the decision to waive or other-  
11 wise not apply the sanctions au-  
12 thorized by such sanctions pro-  
13 grams and authorities.

14 (2) SANCTIONS PROGRAMS AND AUTHORITIES  
15 LISTED.—The sanctions programs and authorities  
16 listed in this paragraph are sanctions programs and  
17 authorities pursuant to the following:

18 (A) Section 105(c) of the Comprehensive  
19 Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment  
20 Act of 2010 (22 U.S.C. 8514(c)).

21 (B) Executive Order 13553 (50 U.S.C.  
22 1701 note; relating to blocking property of cer-  
23 tain persons with respect to serious human  
24 rights abuses by the Government of Iran).

1 (C) Executive Order 13224 (50 U.S.C.  
2 1701 note; relating to blocking property and  
3 prohibiting transactions with persons who com-  
4 mit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism).

5 (D) Executive Order 13818 (50 U.S.C.  
6 1701 note; relating to blocking the property of  
7 persons involved in serious human rights abuse  
8 or corruption).

9 (E) Executive Order 13876 (50 U.S.C.  
10 1701 note; relating to imposing sanctions with  
11 respect to Iran).

12 (F) Section 7031(c) of the Department of  
13 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Pro-  
14 grams Appropriations Act, 2023 (division K of  
15 Public Law 117–328).

16 (3) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required by  
17 paragraph (1)(D) shall be submitted in an unclassi-  
18 fied form but may contain a classified annex pro-  
19 vided separately containing additional contextual in-  
20 formation pertaining to justification for the issuance  
21 of any waiver issued, as described in paragraph  
22 (1)(D)(ii). The unclassified portion of such report  
23 shall be made available on a publicly available inter-  
24 net website of the Federal Government.

1 (b) FOREIGN PERSONS DESCRIBED.—The foreign  
2 persons described in this subsection are the following:

3 (1) The Supreme Leader of Iran and any offi-  
4 cial in the Office of the Supreme Leader of Iran.

5 (2) The President of Iran and any official in  
6 the Office of the President of Iran or the President’s  
7 cabinet, including cabinet ministers and executive  
8 vice presidents.

9 (3) Any entity, including foundations and eco-  
10 nomic conglomerates, overseen by the Office of the  
11 Supreme Leader of Iran that is complicit in financ-  
12 ing or resourcing of human rights abuses or support  
13 for terrorism.

14 (4) Any official of any entity owned or con-  
15 trolled by the Supreme Leader of Iran or the Office  
16 of the Supreme Leader of Iran.

17 (5) Any person determined by the President—

18 (A) to be a person appointed by the Su-  
19 preme Leader of Iran, the Office of the Su-  
20 preme Leader of Iran, the President of Iran, or  
21 the Office of the President of Iran to a position  
22 as a state official of Iran, or as the head of any  
23 entity located in Iran or any entity located out-  
24 side of Iran that is owned or controlled by one  
25 or more entities in Iran;

1 (B) to have materially assisted, sponsored,  
2 or provided financial, material, or technological  
3 support for, or goods or services to or in sup-  
4 port of, any person the property and interests  
5 in property of which are blocked pursuant to  
6 any sanctions program or authority listed in  
7 subsection (a)(2);

8 (C) to be owned or controlled by, or to  
9 have acted or purported to act for or on behalf  
10 of, directly or indirectly, any person the prop-  
11 erty and interests in property of which are  
12 blocked pursuant to any sanctions program or  
13 authority listed in subsection (a)(2); or

14 (D) to be a member of the board of direc-  
15 tors or a senior executive officer of any entity  
16 the property and interests in property of which  
17 are blocked pursuant to any sanctions program  
18 or authority listed in subsection (a)(2).

19 (c) CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after  
21 receiving a request from the chairman and ranking  
22 member of one of the appropriate congressional com-  
23 mittees with respect to whether a foreign person  
24 meets the criteria of a person described in sub-  
25 section (b)(5), the President shall—

1 (A) determine if the person meets such cri-  
2 teria; and

3 (B) submit an unclassified report, with a  
4 classified annex provided separately if needed,  
5 to such chairman and ranking member with re-  
6 spect to such determination that includes a  
7 statement of whether or not the President im-  
8 posed or intends to impose sanctions with re-  
9 spect to the person pursuant to any sanctions  
10 program or authority listed in subsection (a)(2).

11 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
12 TEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “ap-  
13 propriate congressional committees” means—

14 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of  
15 the Senate; and

16 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of  
17 the House of Representatives.

18 **SEC. 3. SEVERABILITY.**

19 If any provision of this Act, or the application of such  
20 provision to any person or circumstance, is found to be  
21 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act, or the applica-  
22 tion of that provision to other persons or circumstances,  
23 shall not be affected.

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