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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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Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. RISCH, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Blumenthal, Mr. Braun, Ms. Collins, Ms. Rosen, Mr. Hagerty, Mr. Bennet, Ms. Butler, Mr. Ricketts, Mr. Hickenlooper, Ms. Baldwin, and Mr. Lankford) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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Reported by Mr. CARDIN, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

A BILL

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.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Mahsa Amini Human
3 rights and Security Accountability Act” or the “MAHSA
4 Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE**
6 **OFFICES OF THE SUPREME LEADER AND**
7 **PRESIDENT OF IRAN AND AFFILIATED PER-**
8 **SONS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—

10 (1) DETERMINATION AND REPORT RE-
11 QUIRED.—Not later than 90 days after the date of
12 the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,
13 the President shall—

14 (A) determine whether each foreign person
15 described in subsection (b) meets the criteria
16 for imposition of sanctions under one or more
17 of the sanctions programs and authorities listed
18 in paragraph (2);

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

25 (C) pursue applicable sanctions with re-
26 spect to any foreign person determined to meet

1 the criteria for imposition of sanctions pursuant
2 to subparagraph (A) under the sanctions pro-
3 grams and authorities listed in subparagraph
4 (B), (C), (D), or (E) of paragraph (2); and

5 (D) submit to the appropriate congres-
6 sional committees a report containing—

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

12 (ii) for each foreign person identified
13 pursuant to clause (i)—

14 (I) a list of each sanctions pro-
15 gram or authority listed in paragraph
16 (2) for which the person meets the
17 criteria for imposition of sanctions;

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

1 (III) with respect to which any of
2 the sanctions authorized by any of the
3 sanctions programs and authorities
4 identified pursuant to subclause (I)
5 have not been imposed and will not be
6 imposed within 30 days of the submis-
7 sion of the report—

8 (aa) the specific authority
9 under which otherwise applicable
10 sanctions are being waived, have
11 otherwise been determined not to
12 apply, or are not being imposed;
13 and

14 (bb) a complete justification
15 of the decision to waive or other-
16 wise not apply the sanctions au-
17 thorized by such sanctions pro-
18 grams and authorities.

19 (2) SANCTIONS PROGRAMS AND AUTHORITIES
20 LISTED.—The sanctions programs and authorities
21 listed in this paragraph are sanctions programs and
22 authorities pursuant to the following:

23 (A) Section 105(e) of the Comprehensive
24 Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment
25 Act of 2010 (22 U.S.C. 8514(e)).

1 (B) Executive Order 13553 (50 U.S.C.
2 1701 note; relating to blocking property of cer-
3 tain persons with respect to serious human
4 rights abuses by the Government of Iran).

5 (C) Executive Order 13224 (50 U.S.C.
6 1701 note; relating to blocking property and
7 prohibiting transactions with persons who com-
8 mit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism).

9 (D) Executive Order 13818 (50 U.S.C.
10 1701 note; relating to blocking the property of
11 persons involved in serious human rights abuse
12 or corruption).

13 (E) Executive Order 13876 (50 U.S.C.
14 1701 note; relating to imposing sanctions with
15 respect to Iran).

16 (F) Section 7031(c) of the Department of
17 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Pro-
18 grams Appropriations Act, 2023 (division K of
19 Public Law 117-328).

20 (3) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required by
21 paragraph (1)(D) shall be submitted in an unclassi-
22 fied form but may contain a classified annex pro-
23 vided separately containing additional contextual in-
24 formation pertaining to justification for the issuance
25 of any waiver issued, as described in paragraph

1 (1)(D)(ii). The unclassified portion of such report
2 shall be made available on a publicly available inter-
3 net website of the Federal Government.

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

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

8 (2) The President of Iran and any official in
9 the Office of the President of Iran or the President's
10 cabinet, including cabinet ministers and executive
11 vice presidents.

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

17 (4) Any official of any entity owned or con-
18 trolled by the Supreme Leader of Iran or the Office
19 of the Supreme Leader of Iran.

20 (5) Any person determined by the President—

21 (A) to be a person appointed by the Su-
22 preme Leader of Iran, the Office of the Su-
23 preme Leader of Iran, the President of Iran, or
24 the Office of the President of Iran to a position
25 as a state official of Iran, or as the head of any

1 entity located in Iran or any entity located out-
2 side of Iran that is owned or controlled by one
3 or more entities in Iran;

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

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

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

22 (e) CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
24 receiving a request from the chairman and ranking
25 member of one of the appropriate congressional com-

1 mittees with respect to whether a foreign person
 2 meets the criteria of a person described in sub-
 3 section (b)(5), the President shall—

4 (A) determine if the person meets such cri-
 5 teria; and

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

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

17 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
 18 the Senate; and

19 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
 20 the House of Representatives.

21 **SEC. 3. SEVERABILITY.**

22 If any provision of this Act, or the application of such
 23 provision to any person or circumstance, is found to be
 24 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act, or the applica-

1 tion of that provision to other persons or circumstances,
2 shall not be affected.

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”.*

7 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

8 *In this Act:*

9 (1) *ADMISSION; ADMITTED; ALIEN; LAWFULLY*
10 *ADMITTED FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE.—The terms*
11 *“admission”, “admitted”, “alien”, and “lawfully ad-*
12 *mitted for permanent residence” have the meanings*
13 *given those terms in section 101 of the Immigration*
14 *and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101).*

15 (2) *APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-*
16 *TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional commit-*
17 *tees” means—*

18 (A) *the Committee on Foreign Relations*
19 *and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and*
20 *Urban Affairs of the Senate; and*

21 (B) *the Committee on Foreign Affairs and*
22 *the Committee on Financial Services of the*
23 *House of Representatives.*

1 (3) *FOREIGN PERSON*.—The term “foreign per-
2 son” means an individual or entity that is not a
3 United States person.

4 (4) *KNOWINGLY*.—The term “knowingly”, with
5 respect to conduct, a circumstance, or a result, means
6 that a person has actual knowledge, or should have
7 known, of the conduct, the circumstance, or the result.

8 (5) *UNITED STATES PERSON*.—The term “United
9 States person” means—

10 (A) a United States citizen or an alien law-
11 fully admitted for permanent residence to the
12 United States; or

13 (B) an entity organized under the laws of
14 the United States or any jurisdiction within the
15 United States, including a foreign branch of
16 such an entity.

17 **SEC. 3. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE**
18 **OFFICES OF THE SUPREME LEADER AND**
19 **PRESIDENT OF IRAN AND AFFILIATED PER-**
20 **SONS.**

21 (a) *IN GENERAL*.—

22 (1) *DETERMINATIONS AND REPORT REQUIRED*.—
23 Not later than 120 days after the date of the enact-
24 ment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Presi-
25 dent shall—

1 (A) determine whether each foreign person
2 described in subsection (b) meets the criteria, on
3 or after such date of enactment, for imposition of
4 sanctions under one or more of the sanctions
5 programs and authorities listed in paragraph
6 (2);

7 (B) determine whether each foreign person
8 described in subsection (b) meets the criteria for
9 imposition of sanctions under one or more of the
10 sanctions programs and authorities listed in
11 paragraph (2) based on actions taken by that
12 foreign person in response to the protests sparked
13 by the death of Jina Mahsa Amini on September
14 16, 2022; and

15 (C) submit to the appropriate congressional
16 committees a report containing—

17 (i) a list of all foreign persons de-
18 scribed in subsection (b) that meet the cri-
19 teria for imposition of sanctions under one
20 or more of the sanctions programs and au-
21 thorities listed in paragraph (2); and

22 (ii) for each foreign person identified
23 pursuant to clause (i)—

24 (I) a list of each sanctions pro-
25 gram or authority listed in paragraph

1 (2) for which the person meets the cri-
2 teria for imposition of sanctions;

3 (II) a statement of which, if any,
4 of the sanctions mandated or author-
5 ized by any of the sanctions programs
6 and authorities identified pursuant to
7 subclause (I) have been imposed or will
8 be imposed within 30 days of the sub-
9 mission of the report; and

10 (III) with respect to which any of
11 the sanctions mandated or authorized
12 by any of the sanctions programs and
13 authorities identified pursuant to sub-
14 clause (I) have not been imposed and
15 will not be imposed within 30 days of
16 the submission of the report—

17 (aa) the specific authority
18 under which otherwise applicable
19 sanctions are being waived, have
20 otherwise been determined not to
21 apply, or are not being imposed;
22 and

23 (bb) a complete justification
24 of the decision to waive or other-
25 wise not apply the sanctions au-

1 *thorized by such sanctions pro-*
2 *grams and authorities.*

3 (2) *SANCTIONS PROGRAMS AND AUTHORITIES*
4 *LISTED.—The sanctions programs and authorities*
5 *listed in this paragraph are sanctions programs and*
6 *authorities pursuant to the following:*

7 (A) *Section 105(c) of the Comprehensive*
8 *Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment*
9 *Act of 2010 (22 U.S.C. 8514(c)).*

10 (B) *Executive Order 13553 (50 U.S.C. 1701*
11 *note; relating to blocking property of certain per-*
12 *sons with respect to serious human rights abuses*
13 *by the Government of Iran).*

14 (C) *Executive Order 13224 (50 U.S.C. 1701*
15 *note; relating to blocking property and prohib-*
16 *iting transactions with persons who commit,*
17 *threaten to commit, or support terrorism).*

18 (D) *Executive Order 13818 (50 U.S.C. 1701*
19 *note; relating to blocking the property of persons*
20 *involved in serious human rights abuse or cor-*
21 *ruption).*

22 (E) *Executive Order 13876 (50 U.S.C. 1701*
23 *note; relating to imposing sanctions with respect*
24 *to Iran).*

1 (F) *Penalties and visa bans applicable with*
2 *respect to a person pursuant to section 7031(c)*
3 *of the Department of State, Foreign Operations,*
4 *and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2023*
5 *(division K of Public Law 117–328).*

6 (3) *FORM OF REPORT.*—*The report required by*
7 *paragraph (1)(C) shall be submitted in an unclassi-*
8 *fied form but may contain a classified annex pro-*
9 *vided separately containing additional contextual in-*
10 *formation pertaining to justification for the issuance*
11 *of any waiver issued, as described in paragraph*
12 *(1)(C)(ii). The unclassified portion of such report*
13 *shall be made available on a publicly available inter-*
14 *net website of the Federal Government.*

15 (b) *FOREIGN PERSONS DESCRIBED.*—*The foreign per-*
16 *sons described in this subsection are the following:*

17 (1) *The Supreme Leader of Iran and any official*
18 *in the Office of the Supreme Leader of Iran.*

19 (2) *The President of Iran and any official in the*
20 *Office of the President of Iran or the President’s cabi-*
21 *net, including cabinet ministers and executive vice*
22 *presidents.*

23 (3) *Any entity, including foundations and eco-*
24 *nommic conglomerates, overseen by the Office of the Su-*
25 *preme Leader of Iran that is complicit in financing*

1 *or resourcing of human rights abuses or support for*
2 *terrorism.*

3 *(4) Any official of any entity owned or con-*
4 *trolled by the Supreme Leader of Iran or the Office*
5 *of the Supreme Leader of Iran.*

6 *(5) Any person determined by the President—*

7 *(A) to be a person appointed by the Su-*
8 *preme Leader of Iran, the Office of the Supreme*
9 *Leader of Iran, the President of Iran, or the Of-*
10 *fice of the President of Iran to a position as a*
11 *state official of Iran, or as the head of any entity*
12 *located in Iran or any entity located outside of*
13 *Iran that is owned or controlled by one or more*
14 *entities in Iran;*

15 *(B) to have knowingly and significantly as-*
16 *sisted, sponsored, or provided significant finan-*
17 *cial, material, or technological support for, or*
18 *goods or services to or in support of, any person*
19 *the property and interests in property of which*
20 *are blocked pursuant to any sanctions program*
21 *or authority listed in subsection (a)(2);*

22 *(C) to be owned or controlled by, or to have*
23 *acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, di-*
24 *rectly or indirectly, any person the property and*
25 *interests in property of which are blocked pursu-*

1 *ant to any sanctions program or authority listed*
2 *in subsection (a)(2); or*

3 *(D) to be a member of the board of directors*
4 *or a senior executive officer of any entity the*
5 *property and interests in property of which are*
6 *blocked pursuant to any sanctions program or*
7 *authority listed in subsection (a)(2).*

8 *(c) CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT.—Not later than 120*
9 *days after receiving a request from the chairman and rank-*
10 *ing member of one of the appropriate congressional commit-*
11 *tees with respect to whether a foreign person meets the cri-*
12 *teria of a person described in subsection (b)(5), the Presi-*
13 *dent shall—*

14 *(1) determine if the person meets such criteria;*
15 *and*

16 *(2) submit an unclassified report, with a classi-*
17 *fied annex provided separately if needed, to such*
18 *chairman and ranking member with respect to such*
19 *determination that includes a statement of whether or*
20 *not the President imposed or intends to impose sanc-*
21 *tions with respect to the person pursuant to any sanc-*
22 *tions program or authority listed in subsection (a)(2).*

23 *(d) WAIVERS.—*

1 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The President may waive the*
 2 *application of sanctions under this section for renew-*
 3 *able periods not to exceed 180 days if the President—*

4 (A) *determines that such a waiver is in the*
 5 *national security interests of the United States;*
 6 *and*

7 (B) *not less than 15 days before the grant-*
 8 *ing of the waiver, submits to the appropriate*
 9 *congressional committees a notice of and jus-*
 10 *tification for the waiver.*

11 (2) *FORM.*—*The waiver described in paragraph*
 12 (1) *may be transmitted in classified form.*

13 (e) *SUNSET.*—*This section shall cease to have effect on*
 14 *the date that is 4 years after the date of the enactment of*
 15 *this Act.*

16 **SEC. 4. MODIFICATION AND EXTENSION OF SANCTIONING**
 17 **THE USE OF CIVILIANS AS DEFENSELESS**
 18 **SHIELDS ACT.**

19 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Section 3 of the Sanctioning the*
 20 *Use of Civilians as Defenseless Shields Act (Public Law*
 21 *115–348; 50 U.S.C. 1701 note) is amended—*

22 (1) *in subsection (b)—*

23 (A) *by redesignating paragraph (3) as*
 24 *paragraph (4); and*

1 (B) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(3) Each foreign person that the President de-
4 termines, on or after the date of the enactment of the
5 MAHSA Act—

6 “(A) is a member of Palestine Islamic
7 Jihad or is knowingly acting on behalf of Pal-
8 estine Islamic Jihad; and

9 “(B) knowingly orders, controls, or other-
10 wise directs the use of civilians protected as such
11 by the law of war to shield military objectives
12 from attack.”;

13 (2) by redesignating subsections (e), (f), (g), (h),
14 and (i) as subsections (f), (g), (h), (i), and (j), respec-
15 tively; and

16 (3) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(e) CONGRESSIONAL REQUESTS.—Not later than 120
19 days after receiving a request from the chairman and rank-
20 ing member of one of the appropriate congressional commit-
21 tees with respect to whether a foreign person meets the cri-
22 teria of a person described in subsection (b) or (c), the
23 President shall—

24 “(1) determine if the person meets such criteria;
25 and

1 “(2) submit a written justification to the chair-
2 man and ranking member detailing whether or not
3 the President imposed or intends to impose sanctions
4 described in subsection (b) or (c) with respect to such
5 person.”.

6 (b) *DEFINITIONS.*—Section 4 of the Sanctioning the
7 Use of Civilians as Defenseless Shields Act (Public Law
8 115–348; 50 U.S.C. 1701 note) is amended—

9 (1) by redesignating paragraph (7) as para-
10 graph (8); and

11 (2) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-
12 lowing:

13 “(7) *PALESTINE ISLAMIC JIHAD.*—The term
14 ‘Palestine Islamic Jihad’ means—

15 “(A) the entity known as Palestine Islamic
16 Jihad and designated by the Secretary of State
17 as a foreign terrorist organization pursuant to
18 section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality
19 Act (8 U.S.C. 1189); or

20 “(B) any person identified as an agent or
21 instrumentality of Palestine Islamic Jihad on
22 the list of specially designated nationals and
23 blocked persons maintained by the Office of For-
24 eign Assets Control of the Department of the
25 Treasury, the property or interests in property of

1 *which are blocked pursuant to the International*
 2 *Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C.*
 3 *1701 et seq.).”.*

4 *(c) SUNSET.—Section 5 of the Sanctioning the Use of*
 5 *Civilians as Defenseless Shields Act (Public Law 115–348;*
 6 *50 U.S.C. 1701 note) is amended by striking “December*
 7 *31, 2023” and inserting “December 31, 2030”.*

8 **SEC. 5. CONFRONTING ASYMMETRIC AND MALICIOUS**
 9 **CYBER ACTIVITIES.**

10 *(a) IN GENERAL.—On and after the date that is 180*
 11 *days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Presi-*
 12 *dent may impose the sanctions described in subsection (b)*
 13 *with respect to any foreign person that the President deter-*
 14 *mines, on or after such date of enactment—*

15 *(1) is responsible for or complicit in, or has en-*
 16 *gaged knowingly in, significant cyber-enabled activi-*
 17 *ties originating from, or directed by persons located,*
 18 *in whole or in substantial part, outside the United*
 19 *States that are reasonably likely to result in, or have*
 20 *materially contributed to, a significant threat to the*
 21 *national security, foreign policy, or economic health*
 22 *or financial stability of the United States;*

23 *(2) materially assisted, sponsored, or provided fi-*
 24 *nancial, material, or technological support for, or*
 25 *goods or services to or in support of, any activity de-*

1 *scribed in this subsection or any person whose prop-*
2 *erty and interests in property are blocked pursuant to*
3 *this section;*

4 *(3) is owned or controlled by, or has acted or*
5 *purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indi-*
6 *rectly, any person whose property and interests in*
7 *property are blocked pursuant to this section; or*

8 *(4) has attempted to engage in any of the activi-*
9 *ties described in paragraph (1), (2), or (3).*

10 *(b) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions described*
11 *in this subsection are the following:*

12 *(1) INADMISSIBILITY TO UNITED STATES.—In*
13 *the case of an alien—*

14 *(A) ineligibility to receive a visa to enter*
15 *the United States or to be admitted to the United*
16 *States; or*

17 *(B) if the individual has been issued a visa*
18 *or other documentation, revocation, in accord-*
19 *ance with section 221(i) of the Immigration and*
20 *Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1201(i)), of the visa or*
21 *other documentation.*

22 *(2) BLOCKING OF PROPERTY.—The blocking, in*
23 *accordance with the International Emergency Eco-*
24 *nomics Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), of all*
25 *transactions in all property and interests in property*

1 of a foreign person if such property and interests in
2 property are in the United States, come within the
3 United States, or are or come within the possession
4 or control of a United States person.

5 (c) *REQUESTS BY APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL*
6 *COMMITTEES.*—

7 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 120 days after
8 receiving a request that meets the requirements of
9 paragraph (2) with respect to whether a foreign per-
10 son has engaged in an activity described in subsection
11 (a), the President shall—

12 (A) determine if that person has engaged in
13 such an activity; and

14 (B) submit a classified or unclassified re-
15 port to the chairperson and ranking member of
16 the committee or committees that submitted the
17 request with respect to that determination that
18 includes—

19 (i) a statement of whether or not the
20 President imposed or intends to impose
21 sanctions with respect to the person;

22 (ii) if the President imposed or intends
23 to impose sanctions, a description of those
24 sanctions; and

1 (iii) if the President does not intend to
2 impose sanctions, a description of actions
3 that meet the threshold for the President to
4 impose sanctions.

5 (2) *REQUIREMENTS.*—A request under para-
6 graph (1) with respect to whether a foreign person has
7 engaged in an activity described in subsection (a)
8 shall be submitted to the President in writing jointly
9 by the chairperson and ranking member of one of the
10 appropriate congressional committees.

11 **SEC. 6. SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THREATS TO CUR-**
12 **RENT OR FORMER UNITED STATES OFFI-**
13 **CIALS.**

14 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—On and after the date that is 180
15 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Presi-
16 dent shall impose the sanctions described in subsection (b)
17 with respect to any foreign person the President determines
18 has, on or after such date of enactment, ordered, directed,
19 or taken material steps to carry out any use of violence
20 or has attempted or threatened to use violence against any
21 current or former official of the Government of the United
22 States.

23 (b) *SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.*—The sanctions described
24 in this subsection are the following:

1 (1) *INADMISSIBILITY TO UNITED STATES.*—*In*
2 *the case of a foreign person who is an individual—*

3 (A) *ineligibility to receive a visa to enter*
4 *the United States or to be admitted to the United*
5 *States; or*

6 (B) *if the individual has been issued a visa*
7 *or other documentation, revocation, in accord-*
8 *ance with section 221(i) of the Immigration and*
9 *Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1201(i)), of the visa or*
10 *other documentation.*

11 (2) *BLOCKING OF PROPERTY.*—*The blocking, in*
12 *accordance with the International Emergency Eco-*
13 *nomics Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), of all*
14 *transactions in all property and interests in property*
15 *of a foreign person if such property and interests in*
16 *property are in the United States, come within the*
17 *United States, or are or come within the possession*
18 *or control of a United States person.*

19 (c) *ENFORCEMENT OF BLOCKING OF PROPERTY.*—*A*
20 *person that violates, attempts to violate, conspires to vio-*
21 *late, or causes a violation of a sanction described in sub-*
22 *section (b)(2) that is imposed by the President or any regu-*
23 *lation, license, or order issued to carry out such a sanction*
24 *shall be subject to the penalties set forth in subsections (b)*
25 *and (c) of section 206 of the International Emergency Eco-*

1 *nomic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) to the same extent as*
2 *a person that commits an unlawful act described in sub-*
3 *section (a) of that section.*

4 (d) *WAIVER.—*

5 (1) *IN GENERAL.—The President may waive the*
6 *application of sanctions under this section for renew-*
7 *able periods not to exceed 180 days if the President—*

8 (A) *determines that such a waiver is in the*
9 *vital national security interests of the United*
10 *States; and*

11 (B) *not less than 15 days before the grant-*
12 *ing of the waiver, submits to the appropriate*
13 *congressional committees a notice of and jus-*
14 *tification for the waiver.*

15 (e) *TERMINATION AND SUNSET.—*

16 (1) *TERMINATION OF SANCTIONS.—The President*
17 *may terminate the application of sanctions under this*
18 *section with respect to a person if the President deter-*
19 *mines and reports to the appropriate congressional*
20 *committees not later than 15 days before the termi-*
21 *nation of the sanctions that—*

22 (A) *credible information exists that the per-*
23 *son did not engage in the activity for which*
24 *sanctions were imposed;*

1 (2) *have the resources and infrastructure nec-*
2 *essary for the successful development and implementa-*
3 *tion of sanctions.*

4 **(b) INCREASING RESOURCES AND IMPROVING MOD-**
5 **ERNIZATION FOR SANCTIONS IMPLEMENTATION.**—*The Sec-*
6 *retary of State shall take steps to modernize the sanctions*
7 *infrastructure and increase resources dedicated to imple-*
8 *menting sanctions, including by—*

9 (1) *ensuring the Department of State has nec-*
10 *essary subscriptions and access to open-source data-*
11 *bases for purposes of making determinations to sup-*
12 *port the designation of persons for the imposition of*
13 *sanctions;*

14 (2) *equipping bureaus involved in drafting and*
15 *reviewing evidentiary packages to support such des-*
16 *ignations with sufficient technical resources to do so,*
17 *including an adequate number of workstations that*
18 *can be used to review classified information; and*

19 (3) *increasing the number of personnel dedicated*
20 *to making and reviewing such designations.*

21 **(c) REPORT ON MODERNIZATION EFFORTS.**—*Not later*
22 *than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,*
23 *the Secretary of State shall submit to the Committee on For-*
24 *eign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign*
25 *Affairs of the House of Representatives a report describing*

1 *steps the Department of State is taking to address chal-*
2 *lenges in the ability of the Department to support the des-*
3 *ignation of persons for the imposition of sanctions.*

4 (d) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.—There is*
5 *authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of State for*
6 *fiscal year 2025 \$15,000,000 to carry out this section.*

7 **SEC. 8. REPORT ON IMPACTS ON THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC**
8 **OF IRAN OF SANCTIONS IMPOSED BY THE**
9 **UNITED STATES.**

10 (a) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the*
11 *date of the enactment this Act, the Secretary of State, in*
12 *consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and draw-*
13 *ing on subject-matter experts including economists and stat-*
14 *isticians from the Department of State and the Department*
15 *of the Treasury, shall submit to the appropriate congres-*
16 *sional committees a report on the impacts on the Islamic*
17 *Republic of Iran of sanctions imposed by the United States.*

18 (b) *ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection (a)*
19 *shall include an assessment of the following:*

20 (1) *The impact of sanctions imposed by the*
21 *United States on the following:*

22 (A) *Problematic activities and policies of*
23 *the Islamic Republic of Iran, including ballistic*
24 *missile development, proliferation of Iranian*
25 *drones and missiles to state and non-state actors,*

1 *uranium enrichment, and funding of terrorist*
2 *groups in the “Axis of Resistance”, and how*
3 *sanctions have meaningfully impacted the ability*
4 *of such groups to operate.*

5 *(B) Key officials of the Iranian regime, in-*
6 *cluding their access to alternative financial mar-*
7 *kets, their standard of living, and impacts to*
8 *their personal wealth.*

9 *(C) The operations of independent civil so-*
10 *ciety organizations in Iran, including the ability*
11 *of such organizations to access products that*
12 *would allow them to document and share human*
13 *rights abuses, promote democratic norms, and*
14 *engage in political dissent.*

15 *(D) The efficacy of licensing actions aimed*
16 *at ensuring the people of Iran have access to cir-*
17 *cumvention technologies around Iranian regime*
18 *firewalls and censors to promote internet free-*
19 *dom, including General License D-2 of the De-*
20 *partment of the Treasury.*

21 *(E) The standard of living of the people of*
22 *Iran, including—*

23 *(i) the impact on the purchasing power*
24 *of the people of Iran and their ability to af-*
25 *ford and acquire food and medicine; and*

1 (ii) changes in the size of the working
2 and middle classes in Iran, including im-
3 pacts to the poverty rate in Iran.

4 (F) The growth of unofficial economies con-
5 trolled by officials of the Iranian regime and
6 members of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard
7 Corps.

8 (2) What industries in Iran remain unaffected
9 by such sanctions.

10 **SEC. 9. EXCEPTIONS.**

11 (a) *EXCEPTION RELATING TO IMPORTATION OF*
12 *GOODS.—*

13 (1) *IN GENERAL.—A requirement to block and*
14 *prohibit all transactions in all property and interests*
15 *in property under this Act shall not include the au-*
16 *thority or a requirement to impose sanctions on the*
17 *importation of goods.*

18 (2) *GOOD.—In this subsection, the term “good”*
19 *means any article, natural or manmade substance,*
20 *material, supply, or manufactured product, including*
21 *inspection and test equipment, and excluding tech-*
22 *nical data.*

23 (b) *EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH UNITED NATIONS*
24 *HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AC-*
25 *TIVITIES.—Sanctions under this Act shall not apply with*

1 *respect to the admission of an alien to the United States*
2 *if admitting or paroling the alien into the United States*
3 *is necessary—*

4 (1) *to permit the United States to comply with*
5 *the Agreement regarding the Headquarters of the*
6 *United Nations, signed at Lake Success June 26,*
7 *1947, and entered into force November 21, 1947, be-*
8 *tween the United Nations and the United States, or*
9 *other applicable international obligations of the*
10 *United States; or*

11 (2) *to carry out or assist authorized law enforce-*
12 *ment activity in the United States.*

13 (c) *EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH INTELLIGENCE AC-*
14 *TIVITIES.—Sanctions under this Act shall not apply to any*
15 *activity subject to the reporting requirements under title V*
16 *of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3091 et*
17 *seq.) or any authorized intelligence activities of the United*
18 *States.*

19 (d) *HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.—*

20 (1) *IN GENERAL.—Sanctions under this Act shall*
21 *not apply to—*

22 (A) *the conduct or facilitation of a trans-*
23 *action for the provision of agricultural commod-*
24 *ities, food, medicine, medical devices, humani-*

1 *tarian assistance, or for humanitarian purposes;*
2 *or*

3 *(B) transactions that are necessary for or*
4 *related to the activities described in subpara-*
5 *graph (A).*

6 *(2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:*

7 *(A) AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY.—The term*
8 *“agricultural commodity” has the meaning given*
9 *that term in section 102 of the Agricultural*
10 *Trade Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 5602).*

11 *(B) MEDICAL DEVICE.—The term “medical*
12 *device” has the meaning given the term “device”*
13 *in section 201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and*
14 *Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321).*

15 *(C) MEDICINE.—The term “medicine” has*
16 *the meaning given the term “drug” in section*
17 *201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act*
18 *(21 U.S.C. 321).*

19 *(e) REPORT ON EXCEPTIONS.—Not later than one year*
20 *after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually*
21 *thereafter, the President shall submit to the appropriate*
22 *congressional committees a report that describes each activ-*
23 *ity that would be subject to sanctions under this Act if not*
24 *excepted pursuant to subsection (b) or (c).*

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