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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. RUBIO (for himself and Mr. CASEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “Preventing Destabilization of Iraq and Syria Act of  
6 2016”.

7 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for  
8 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Findings.

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TITLE I—MEASURES TO ADDRESS THREATS TO PEACE OR  
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- Sec. 101. Statement of policy.
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- Sec. 202. Sanctions with respect to the transfer of arms and related materials to Syria.
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- Sec. 301. Imposition of sanctions with respect to certain persons who are responsible for or complicit in human rights abuses committed against citizens of Syria or their family members.
- Sec. 302. Imposition of sanctions with respect to the transfer of goods or technologies to Syria that are likely to be used to commit human rights abuses.

TITLE IV—REPORTS AND WAIVER FOR HUMANITARIAN-RELATED  
ACTIVITIES WITH RESPECT TO SYRIA

- Sec. 401. Report on monitoring and evaluating of ongoing assistance programs in Syria and to the Syrian people.
- Sec. 402. Report on certain persons who are responsible for or complicit in certain human rights violations in Syria.
- Sec. 403. Assessment of potential effectiveness of and requirements for the establishment of a no-fly zone, safe zones, or a no-bombing zone in Syria.
- Sec. 404. Assistance to support entities taking actions relating to gathering evidence for investigations into war crimes or crimes against humanity in Syria since March 2011.
- Sec. 405. Appropriate congressional committees defined.

## TITLE V—SUSPENSION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO SYRIA

- Sec. 501. Suspension of sanctions with respect to Syria.
- Sec. 502. Waivers and exemptions.
- Sec. 503. Appropriate congressional committees defined.

## TITLE VI—REGULATORY AUTHORITY AND SUNSET

- Sec. 601. Regulatory authority.
- Sec. 602. Sunset.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress makes the following findings:

3 (1) More than 14,000,000 Syrians have become  
4 refugees or internally displaced persons over the last  
5 five years.

6 (2) The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights  
7 has reported that since 2012, more than 60,000  
8 Syrians, including children, have died in Syrian pris-  
9 ons.

10 (3) In July 2014, the Committee on Foreign  
11 Affairs of the House of Representatives heard testi-  
12 mony from a former Syrian military photographer,  
13 alias “Caesar”, who fled Syria and smuggled out  
14 thousands of photos of tortured bodies. In testi-  
15 mony, Caesar said, “I have seen horrendous pictures  
16 of bodies of people who had tremendous amounts of  
17 torture, deep wounds and burns and strangulation.”.

18 (4) The regime of Bashar al-Assad has repeat-  
19 edly blocked civilian access to or diverted humani-  
20 tarian assistance, including medical supplies, to be-  
21 sieged and hard-to-reach areas, in violation of  
22 United Nations Security Council resolutions.

23 (5) The course of the Syrian transition and its  
24 future leadership may depend on what the United  
25 States and its partners do now to save Syrian lives,

1       alleviate suffering, and help Syrians determine their  
2       own future.

3       **TITLE I—MEASURES TO AD-**  
4       **DRESS THREATS TO PEACE**  
5       **OR STABILITY OF IRAQ AND**  
6       **SYRIA**

7       **SEC. 101. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

8       It shall be the policy of the United States to impose  
9       sanctions with respect to terrorist organizations and for-  
10      eign countries, including the Government of Iran and the  
11      Government of the Russian Federation, that threaten the  
12      peace or stability of Iraq or Syria.

13      **SEC. 102. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO**  
14                                   **CERTAIN FOREIGN PERSONS THREATENING**  
15                                   **PEACE OR STABILITY IN IRAQ AND SYRIA.**

16      (a) **SANCTIONS REQUIRED.**—The President shall im-  
17      pose the sanctions described in subsection (b)(1) with re-  
18      spect to any foreign person that—

19                   (1) is responsible for or complicit in, or to have  
20      engaged in, directly or indirectly—

21                           (A) actions that threaten the peace, secu-  
22      rity, or stability of Iraq or Syria;

23                           (B) actions or policies that undermine ef-  
24      forts to promote economic reconstruction and  
25      political reform in Iraq; or

1 (C) the obstruction of the delivery or dis-  
2 tribution of, or access to, humanitarian assist-  
3 ance to the people of Iraq or Syria;

4 (2) has materially assisted, sponsored, or pro-  
5 vided financial, material, or technological support  
6 for, or goods or services to or in support of, any ac-  
7 tivity described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of  
8 paragraph (1); or

9 (3) is owned or controlled by, or has acted or  
10 purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indi-  
11 rectly, a foreign person that has carried out any ac-  
12 tivity described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of  
13 paragraph (1) or paragraph (2).

14 (b) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The sanctions described in  
16 this subsection are the following:

17 (A) ASSET BLOCKING.—The President  
18 shall block, in accordance with the International  
19 Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C.  
20 1701 et seq.), all transactions in all property  
21 and interests in property of a person subject to  
22 subsection (a) if such property and interests in  
23 property are in the United States, come within  
24 the United States, or are or come within the  
25 possession or control of a United States person.

1 (B) ALIENS INELIGIBLE FOR VISAS, AD-  
2 MISSION, OR PAROLE.—

3 (i) EXCLUSION FROM THE UNITED  
4 STATES.—The Secretary of State shall  
5 deny a visa to, and the Secretary of Home-  
6 land Security shall exclude from the  
7 United States, any person subject to sub-  
8 section (a) that is an alien.

9 (ii) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—

10 (I) IN GENERAL.—The issuing  
11 consular officer, the Secretary of  
12 State, or the Secretary of Homeland  
13 Security (or a designee of one of such  
14 Secretaries) shall revoke any visa or  
15 other entry documentation issued to  
16 an alien subject to subsection (a), re-  
17 gardless of when issued.

18 (II) EFFECT OF REVOCATION.—  
19 A revocation under subclause (I) shall  
20 take effect immediately and shall  
21 automatically cancel any other valid  
22 visa or entry documentation that is in  
23 the alien's possession.

24 (2) INAPPLICABILITY OF NATIONAL EMER-  
25 GENCY REQUIREMENT.—The requirements of section

1       202 of the International Emergency Economic Pow-  
2       ers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701) shall not apply for pur-  
3       poses of the imposition of sanctions under this sec-  
4       tion.

5           (3) PENALTIES.—A person that violates, at-  
6       tempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a  
7       violation of paragraph (1)(A) or any regulation, li-  
8       cense, or order issued to carry out that paragraph  
9       shall be subject to the penalties set forth in sub-  
10      sections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the Inter-  
11      national Emergency Economic Powers Act (50  
12      U.S.C. 1705) to the same extent as a person that  
13      commits an unlawful act described in subsection (a)  
14      of that section.

15           (4) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH UNITED NA-  
16      TIONS HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT.—Sanctions  
17      under paragraph (1)(B) shall not apply to an alien  
18      if admitting the alien into the United States is nec-  
19      essary to permit the United States to comply with  
20      the Agreement regarding the Headquarters of the  
21      United Nations, signed at Lake Success June 26,  
22      1947, and entered into force November 21, 1947,  
23      between the United Nations and the United States,  
24      or other applicable international obligations.

25           (c) WAIVER.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The President may, on a  
2 case-by-case basis and for periods not to exceed 180  
3 days, waive the application of sanctions under this  
4 section with respect to a foreign person, and may  
5 renew the waiver for additional periods of not more  
6 than 180 days, if the President determines and re-  
7 ports to the appropriate congressional committees at  
8 least 15 days before the waiver or renewal of the  
9 waiver is to take effect that the waiver is vital to the  
10 national security interests of the United States.

11           (2) FORM OF REPORT.—A report submitted  
12 under paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassi-  
13 fied form but may include a classified annex.

14           (3) SUNSET.—The provisions of this subsection  
15 and any waivers issued pursuant to this subsection  
16 shall terminate on the date that is 3 years after the  
17 date of the enactment of this Act.

18           (d) IMPLEMENTATION AUTHORITY.—The President  
19 may exercise all authorities provided to the President  
20 under sections 203 and 205 of the International Emer-  
21 gency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704)  
22 for purposes of carrying out this section.

23           (e) REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—

24           (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall, not  
25 later than 90 days after the date of the enactment

1 of this Act, promulgate regulations as necessary for  
2 the implementation of this section.

3 (2) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.—Not less  
4 than 10 days before the promulgation of regulations  
5 under paragraph (1), the President shall notify and  
6 provide to the appropriate congressional committees  
7 the proposed regulations and the provisions of this  
8 Act and the amendments made by this Act that the  
9 regulations are implementing.

10 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) ADMITTED; ALIEN.—The terms “admitted”  
12 and “alien” have the meanings given those terms in  
13 section 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality  
14 Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)).

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

18 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the  
19 Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee on  
20 Ways and Means, and the Committee on Finan-  
21 cial Services of the House of Representatives;  
22 and

23 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations,  
24 the Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee

1 on Finance, and the Committee on Banking,  
2 Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate.

3 (3) FOREIGN PERSON.—The term “foreign per-  
4 son” means—

5 (A) an individual who is not a United  
6 States person;

7 (B) a corporation, partnership, or other  
8 nongovernmental entity that is not a United  
9 States person; or

10 (C) any representative, agent or instru-  
11 mentality of, or an individual working on behalf  
12 of a foreign government.

13 (4) GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ.—The term “Gov-  
14 ernment of Iraq” has the meaning given that term  
15 in section 576.310 of title 31, Code of Federal Reg-  
16 ulations (or any corresponding similar regulation or  
17 ruling).

18 (5) GOVERNMENT OF SYRIA.—The term “Gov-  
19 ernment of Syria” has the meaning given that term  
20 in section 542.305 of title 31, Code of Federal Reg-  
21 ulations (or any corresponding similar regulation or  
22 ruling).

23 (6) KNOWINGLY.—The term “knowingly”, with  
24 respect to conduct, a circumstance, or a result,  
25 means that a person has actual knowledge, or should

1 have known, of the conduct, the circumstance, or the  
2 result.

3 (7) PERSON.—The term “person” means an in-  
4 dividual or entity.

5 (8) PROPERTY; PROPERTY INTEREST.—The  
6 terms “property” and “property interest” have the  
7 meanings given those terms in section 576.312 of  
8 title 31, Code of Federal Regulations (or any cor-  
9 responding similar regulation or ruling).

10 (9) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term  
11 “United States person” has the meaning given that  
12 term in section 576.319 of title 31, Code of Federal  
13 Regulations (or any corresponding similar regulation  
14 or ruling).

15 (g) SUNSET.—This section shall cease to be effective  
16 beginning on January 1, 2022.

17 **SEC. 103. DETERMINATIONS WITH RESPECT TO IMPOSI-**  
18 **TION OF SANCTIONS ON CERTAIN IRANIAN,**  
19 **SYRIAN, AND RUSSIAN PERSONS.**

20 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
21 gress that the Government of Iran, the Government of  
22 Syria, and the Government of the Russian Federation are  
23 responsible for or complicit in, or to have engaged in, di-  
24 rectly or indirectly—

1           (1) actions that threaten the peace, security, or  
2 stability of Iraq or Syria;

3           (2) actions or policies that undermine efforts to  
4 promote economic reconstruction and political re-  
5 form in Iraq; and

6           (3) actions that obstruct the delivery or dis-  
7 tribution of humanitarian assistance to, or access to  
8 such assistance by, the people of Iraq or Syria.

9 (b) DETERMINATIONS.—

10           (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall, not  
11 later than 45 days after the date of the enactment  
12 of this Act, determine whether any Iranian person,  
13 Syrian person, or Russian person has engaged in ac-  
14 tivities described in section 102(a).

15           (2) DETERMINATIONS WITH RESPECT TO CER-  
16 TAIN PERSONS.—In making determinations under  
17 paragraph (1), the President shall make a deter-  
18 mination with respect to whether each of the fol-  
19 lowing has engaged in activities described in section  
20 102(a):

21                   (A) The Supreme Leader of Iran.

22                   (B) The President of Iran.

23                   (C) Members of the Council of Guardians  
24 of Iran.

1 (D) Members of the Expediency Council of  
2 Iran.

3 (E) The Minister of Intelligence and Secu-  
4 rity of Iran.

5 (F) The Commander of the Iran's Revolu-  
6 tionary Guard Corps.

7 (G) The Minister of Defense of Iran.

8 (H) Members of Iran's Revolutionary  
9 Guard Corps.

10 (I) The President of Syria.

11 (J) The Minister of Defense of Syria.

12 (K) The President of the Russian Federa-  
13 tion.

14 (L) The Prime Minister of the Russian  
15 Federation.

16 (M) The Minister of Defense of the Rus-  
17 sian Federation.

18 (3) EFFECT OF DETERMINATION.—If the Presi-  
19 dent determines a person has engaged in activities  
20 described in section 102(a), the President shall, sub-  
21 ject to the waiver authority provided under section  
22 102(c), impose the sanctions described in section  
23 102(b) with respect to that person.

24 (4) REPORT.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The President shall  
2 submit to the appropriate congressional com-  
3 mittees a report on the determinations made  
4 under paragraph (1) that includes—

5 (i) the reasons for those determina-  
6 tions;

7 (ii) an identification of the persons  
8 that have engaged in activities described in  
9 section 102(a); and

10 (iii) a statement of whether the Presi-  
11 dent has imposed the sanctions described  
12 in section 102(b) with respect to those per-  
13 sons and, if not, the reasons why the  
14 President has not imposed sanctions with  
15 respect to those persons.

16 (B) FORM.—A report submitted under  
17 subparagraph (A) shall be submitted in unclas-  
18 sified form but may include a classified annex.

19 (5) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

20 (A) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COM-  
21 MITTEES.—The term “appropriate congress-  
22 sional committees” means—

23 (i) the Committee on Foreign Affairs,  
24 the Committee on Ways and Means, and

1 the Committee on Financial Services of the  
2 House of Representatives; and

3 (ii) the Committee on Foreign Rela-  
4 tions, the Committee on Finance, and the  
5 Committee on Banking, Housing, and  
6 Urban Affairs of the Senate.

7 (B) IRANIAN PERSON.—The term “Iranian  
8 person” means—

9 (i) an individual who is a citizen or  
10 national of Iran; or

11 (ii) an entity organized under the laws  
12 of Iran or otherwise subject to the jurisdic-  
13 tion of the Government of Iran.

14 (C) RUSSIAN PERSON.—The term “Rus-  
15 sian person” means—

16 (i) an individual who is a citizen or  
17 national of the Russian Federation; or

18 (ii) an entity organized under the laws  
19 of Russia or otherwise subject to the juris-  
20 diction of the Government of the Russian  
21 Federation.

22 (D) SYRIAN PERSON.—The term “Syrian  
23 person” means—

24 (i) an individual who is a citizen or  
25 national of Syria; or

1 (ii) an entity organized under the laws  
2 of Syria or otherwise subject to the juris-  
3 diction of the Government of Syria.

4 **SEC. 104. REPORT ON IRANIAN ACTIVITIES IN IRAQ AND**  
5 **SYRIA.**

6 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date  
7 of the enactment of this Act, and every 180 days there-  
8 after for a period not to exceed 5 years, the President shall  
9 submit to the appropriate congressional committees a re-  
10 port on Iranian activities in Iraq and Syria.

11 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report re-  
12 quired by subsection (a) shall include—

13 (1) a description of Iran’s support for—

14 (A) Iraqi militias or political parties, in-  
15 cluding weapons, financing, and other forms of  
16 material support; and

17 (B) the regime of Bashar al-Assad in  
18 Syria; and

19 (2) a list of referrals to the relevant United Na-  
20 tions Security Council sanctions committees by the  
21 United States Permanent Representative to the  
22 United Nations.

23 (c) FORM.—The President may submit the report re-  
24 quired by subsection (a) in classified form if the President

1 determines that it is necessary for the national security  
2 interests of the United States to do so.

3 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES  
4 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-  
5 gressional committees” means—

6 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Per-  
7 manent Select Committee on Intelligence, the Com-  
8 mittee on Armed Services, the Committee on Ways  
9 and Means, and the Committee on Financial Serv-  
10 ices of the House of Representatives; and

11 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the  
12 Select Committee on Intelligence, the Committee on  
13 Armed Services, the Committee on Finance, and the  
14 Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
15 of the Senate.

16 **SEC. 105. ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF SYRIA.**

17 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
18 gress that the Government of Syria is in violation of nu-  
19 merous United Nations Security Council Resolutions re-  
20 garding the provision of humanitarian assistance to the  
21 people of Syria and that the Government of the Russian  
22 Federation is complicit in the humanitarian crisis in Syria  
23 because of its failure to enforce those Resolutions.

24 (b) AUTHORITY.—The President is authorized, not-  
25 withstanding any other provision of law, to furnish, on

1 such terms and conditions as the President may deter-  
2 mine, assistance in order to—

3           (1) provide enhanced support for humanitarian  
4 activities taking place in and outside Syria, including  
5 the provision of food, shelter, water, health care, and  
6 medical supplies;

7           (2) support efforts for a peaceful resolution of  
8 the conflict in Syria as well as the establishment of  
9 an inclusive representative form of government in  
10 Syria;

11           (3) build the capacity of legitimate local coun-  
12 cils and leaders inside Syria to provide basic services  
13 to Syrian people in territory liberated from the Is-  
14 lamic State of Iraq and Syria;

15           (4) continue to encourage the participation of  
16 all groups, including women, business leaders, civil  
17 society organizations, traditional and religious lead-  
18 ers, and minority groups in efforts for a peaceful  
19 resolution of the conflict and political transition in  
20 Syria;

21           (5) encourage international bodies to insist that  
22 transitional and future governments are committed  
23 to multiparty democracy, open and transparent gov-  
24 ernance, respect for human rights and religious free-  
25 dom, ending the violence throughout the country,

1 promoting peace and stability with Syria's neigh-  
2 bors, enhancing the rule of law and combating cor-  
3 ruption, and rehabilitating and reintegrating former  
4 combatants;

5 (6) contribute seed funding to establish a Syria  
6 Reconstruction Fund, which would leverage con-  
7 tributions from other international donors and be  
8 used for the physical reconstruction and re-establish-  
9 ment of basic services in Syria after the cessation of  
10 the conflict and the fall of the regime of Bashar al-  
11 Assad;

12 (7) contribute future capacity building for le-  
13 gitimate governing institutions after a political tran-  
14 sition takes place in Syria; and

15 (8) expand the public awareness-raising cam-  
16 paign of the United States Government about  
17 United States humanitarian assistance efforts  
18 through both English-language and regional tradi-  
19 tional media sources, as well as social or new media  
20 sources.

21 (c) FUNDING.—

22 (1) FISCAL YEARS 2017 AND 2018.—Of the  
23 amounts made available to carry out the Foreign As-  
24 sistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.) for  
25 fiscal years 2017 and 2018, such sums as may be

1       necessary should be allocated for bilateral assistance  
2       programs in Syria.

3               (2) FUTURE FUNDING.—It is the sense of Con-  
4       gress that the Department of State should submit a  
5       budget request for fiscal year 2018 that contains an  
6       appropriate increase in bilateral and multilateral as-  
7       sistance for Syria based on progress toward accom-  
8       plishing the policy objectives described in subsection  
9       (b).

10              (3) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts appropriated pur-  
11       suant to the authorization of appropriations under  
12       paragraphs (1) and (2)—

13                      (A) are authorized to remain available  
14                      until expended; and

15                      (B) are in addition to funds otherwise  
16                      available for such purposes.

17       (d) COORDINATION WITH OTHER DONOR NA-  
18       TIONS.—The United States should work with other donor  
19       countries, on a bilateral and multilateral basis, to increase  
20       international contributions to the people of Syria and ac-  
21       complish the policy objectives described in subsection (b).

22       (e) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—

23                      (1) IN GENERAL.—In cases where the authority  
24       in this section is relied upon to overcome applicable  
25       restrictions on the provision of assistance to Syria,

1 obligation of such funds shall be subject to the noti-  
2 fication requirement of section 634A(a) of the For-  
3 eign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2394–1(a)).

4 (2) WAIVER.—Notification under paragraph (1)  
5 may be waived if failure to do so would pose a sub-  
6 stantial risk to human health or welfare, in which  
7 case notification shall be provided as early as prac-  
8 ticable, but in no event later than 3 days after tak-  
9 ing the action to which such notification requirement  
10 was applicable. The waiver shall be accompanied by  
11 an explanation of the emergency circumstances ne-  
12 cessitating the waiver.

13 **TITLE II—ADDITIONAL ACTIONS**  
14 **IN CONNECTION WITH THE**  
15 **NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH**  
16 **RESPECT TO SYRIA**

17 **SEC. 201. SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO CENTRAL BANK**  
18 **OF SYRIA AND FOREIGN PERSONS THAT EN-**  
19 **GAGE IN CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS.**

20 (a) APPLICATION OF CERTAIN MEASURES TO CEN-  
21 TRAL BANK OF SYRIA.—The President shall apply the  
22 measures described in section 5318A(b)(5) of title 31,  
23 United States Code, to the Central Bank of Syria.

1 (b) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO  
2 FOREIGN PERSONS THAT ENGAGE IN CERTAIN TRANS-  
3 ACTIONS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—On and after the date that  
5 is 90 days after the date of the enactment of this  
6 Act, the President shall impose on a foreign person  
7 the sanctions described in subsection (c) if the for-  
8 eign person has knowingly engaged in an activity de-  
9 scribed in paragraph (2).

10 (2) ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED.—A foreign person  
11 engages in an activity described in this paragraph if  
12 the foreign person—

13 (A) knowingly provides significant finan-  
14 cial, material, or technological support to (in-  
15 cluding engaging in or facilitating a significant  
16 transaction or transactions with) or provides  
17 significant financial services for—

18 (i) the Government of Syria (including  
19 government entities operating as a busi-  
20 ness enterprise) and the Central Bank of  
21 Syria, including Syria's intelligence and se-  
22 curity services or its armed forces, or any  
23 of its agents or affiliates; or

24 (ii) a foreign person subject to finan-  
25 cial sanctions pursuant to—

1 (I) the International Emergency  
2 Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C.  
3 1701 et seq.) with respect to Syria or  
4 any other provision of law that im-  
5 poses sanctions with respect to Syria;  
6 or

7 (II) a resolution that is agreed to  
8 by the United Nations Security Coun-  
9 cil that imposes sanctions with respect  
10 to Syria;

11 (B) knowingly—

12 (i) sells or provides significant goods,  
13 services, technology, information, or sup-  
14 port that could directly and significantly  
15 facilitate the maintenance or expansion of  
16 Syria's domestic production of natural gas  
17 or petroleum or petroleum products of Syr-  
18 ian origin;

19 (ii) sells or provides to Syria crude oil  
20 or condensate, refined petroleum products,  
21 liquefied natural gas, or petrochemical  
22 products that have a fair market value of  
23 \$500,000 or more or that during a 12-  
24 month period have an aggregate fair mar-  
25 ket value of \$2,000,000 or more;

1 (iii) sells or otherwise provides civilian  
2 aircraft or spare parts, or provides signifi-  
3 cant goods, services, or technologies associ-  
4 ated with the operation of aircraft or air-  
5 lines to any foreign person operating in the  
6 areas controlled by the Government of  
7 Syria; or

8 (iv) sells or otherwise provides signifi-  
9 cant goods, services, or technology to a for-  
10 eign person operating in the shipping (in-  
11 cluding ports and free trade zones), trans-  
12 portation, or telecommunications sectors in  
13 areas controlled by the Government of  
14 Syria;

15 (C) knowingly engages in money laun-  
16 dering to carry out an activity described in sub-  
17 paragraph (A) or (B);

18 (D) knowingly facilitates efforts by a for-  
19 eign person to carry out an activity described in  
20 subparagraph (A) or (B);

21 (E) knowingly provides loans, credits (in-  
22 cluding export credits), or financing to carry  
23 out an activity described in subparagraph (A)  
24 or (B); and

1 (F) is owned or controlled by a foreign  
2 person that engages in the activities described  
3 in subparagraphs (A) through (D).

4 (c) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The sanctions to be imposed  
6 on a foreign person described in subsection (b) are  
7 the following:

8 (A) ASSETS FREEZE.—The President shall  
9 exercise all powers granted by the International  
10 Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C.  
11 1701 et seq.) (except that the requirements of  
12 section 202 of such Act (50 U.S.C. 1701) shall  
13 not apply) to the extent necessary to freeze and  
14 prohibit all transactions in all property and in-  
15 terests in property of the foreign person if such  
16 property and interests in property are in the  
17 United States, come within the United States,  
18 or are or come within the possession or control  
19 of a United States person.

20 (B) ALIENS INELIGIBLE FOR VISAS, AD-  
21 MISSION, OR PAROLE.—

22 (i) EXCLUSION FROM THE UNITED  
23 STATES.—If the foreign person is an indi-  
24 vidual, the Secretary of State shall deny a  
25 visa to, and the Secretary of Homeland Se-

1                   curity shall exclude from the United  
2                   States, the foreign person.

3                   (ii) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—

4                   (I) IN GENERAL.—The issuing  
5                   consular officer, the Secretary of  
6                   State, or the Secretary of Homeland  
7                   Security (or a designee of one of such  
8                   Secretaries) shall revoke any visa or  
9                   other entry documentation issued to  
10                  the foreign person regardless of when  
11                  issued.

12                  (II) EFFECT OF REVOCATION.—  
13                  A revocation under subclause (I) shall  
14                  take effect immediately and shall  
15                  automatically cancel any other valid  
16                  visa or entry documentation that is in  
17                  the possession of the foreign person.

18                  (2) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH UNITED NA-  
19                  TIONS HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT.—Sanctions  
20                  under paragraph (1)(B) shall not apply to a foreign  
21                  person if admitting the person into the United  
22                  States is necessary to permit the United States to  
23                  comply with the Agreement regarding the Head-  
24                  quarters of the United Nations, signed at Lake Suc-  
25                  cess June 26, 1947, and entered into force Novem-

1 ber 21, 1947, between the United Nations and the  
2 United States, or other applicable international obli-  
3 gations.

4 (3) PENALTIES.—The penalties provided for in  
5 subsections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the Inter-  
6 national Emergency Economic Powers Act (50  
7 U.S.C. 1705) shall apply to a person that knowingly  
8 violates, attempts to violate, conspires to violate, or  
9 causes a violation of any regulation, license, or order  
10 issued to carry out paragraph (1)(A) of this sub-  
11 section to the same extent that such penalties apply  
12 to a person that knowingly commits an unlawful act  
13 described in section 206(a) of that Act.

14 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) FINANCIAL, MATERIAL, OR TECHNOLOGICAL  
16 SUPPORT.—The term “financial, material, or techno-  
17 logical support” has the meaning given such term in  
18 section 542.304 of title 31, Code of Federal Regula-  
19 tions (or any corresponding similar regulation or rul-  
20 ing).

21 (2) GOVERNMENT OF SYRIA.—The term “Gov-  
22 ernment of Syria” has the meaning given such term  
23 in section 542.305 of title 31, Code of Federal Reg-  
24 ulations (or any corresponding similar regulation or  
25 ruling).

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

6           (4) MONEY LAUNDERING.—The term “money  
7           laundering” means the movement of illicit cash or  
8           cash equivalent proceeds into, out of, or through a  
9           country, or into, out of, or through a financial insti-  
10          tution.

11          (5) PETROLEUM OR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS OF  
12          SYRIAN ORIGIN.—The term “petroleum or petroleum  
13          products of Syrian origin” has the meaning given  
14          such term in section 542.314 of title 31, Code of  
15          Federal Regulations (or any corresponding similar  
16          regulation or ruling).

17          (6) SIGNIFICANT TRANSACTION OR TRANS-  
18          ACTIONS; SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL SERVICES.—A  
19          transaction or transactions or financial services shall  
20          be determined to be a significant for purposes of this  
21          section in accordance with section 566.404 of title  
22          31, Code of Federal Regulations (or any cor-  
23          responding similar regulation or ruling).

24          (7) SYRIA.—The term “Syria” has the meaning  
25          given such term in section 542.316 of title 31, Code

1 of Federal Regulations (or any corresponding similar  
2 regulation or ruling).

3 **SEC. 202. SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE TRANSFER OF**  
4 **ARMS AND RELATED MATERIALS TO SYRIA.**

5 (a) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall impose  
7 on a foreign person the sanctions described in sub-  
8 section (b) if the President determines that such for-  
9 eign person has, on or after the date of the enact-  
10 ment of this Act, knowingly exported, transferred, or  
11 otherwise provided to Syria significant financial, ma-  
12 terial, or technological support that contributes ma-  
13 terially to the ability of Government of Syria to—

14 (A) acquire or develop chemical, biological,  
15 or nuclear weapons or related technologies;

16 (B) acquire or develop ballistic or cruise  
17 missile capabilities;

18 (C) acquire or develop destabilizing num-  
19 bers and types of advanced conventional weap-  
20 ons;

21 (D) acquire defense articles, defense serv-  
22 ices, or defense information (as such terms are  
23 defined under the Arms Export Control Act (22  
24 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.)); or

1           (E) acquire items designated by the Presi-  
2           dent for purposes of the United States Muni-  
3           tions List under section 38(a)(1) of the Arms  
4           Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2778(a)(1)).

5           (2) APPLICABILITY TO OTHER FOREIGN PER-  
6           SONS.—The sanctions described in subsection (b)  
7           shall also be imposed on any foreign person that—

8                   (A) is a successor entity to a foreign per-  
9                   son described in paragraph (1); or

10                   (B) is owned or controlled by, or has acted  
11                   or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly  
12                   or indirectly, a foreign person described in  
13                   paragraph (1).

14           (b) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—

15                   (1) IN GENERAL.—The sanctions to be imposed  
16                   on a foreign person described in subsection (a) are  
17                   the following:

18                           (A) ASSET FREEZE.—The President shall  
19                           exercise all powers granted by the International  
20                           Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C.  
21                           1701 et seq.) (except that the requirements of  
22                           section 202 of such Act (50 U.S.C. 1701) shall  
23                           not apply) to the extent necessary to freeze and  
24                           prohibit all transactions in all property and in-  
25                           terests in property of the foreign person if such

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

5 (B) ALIENS INELIGIBLE FOR VISAS, AD-  
6 MISSION, OR PAROLE.—

7 (i) EXCLUSION FROM THE UNITED  
8 STATES.—If the foreign person is an indi-  
9 vidual, the Secretary of State shall deny a  
10 visa to, and the Secretary of Homeland Se-  
11 curity shall exclude from the United  
12 States, the foreign person.

13 (ii) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—

14 (I) IN GENERAL.—The issuing  
15 consular officer, the Secretary of  
16 State, or the Secretary of Homeland  
17 Security (or a designee of one of such  
18 Secretaries) shall revoke any visa or  
19 other entry documentation issued to  
20 the foreign person regardless of when  
21 issued.

22 (II) EFFECT OF REVOCATION.—  
23 A revocation under subclause (I) shall  
24 take effect immediately and shall  
25 automatically cancel any other valid

1 visa or entry documentation that is in  
2 the possession of the foreign person.

3 (2) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH UNITED NA-  
4 TIONS HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT.—Sanctions  
5 under paragraph (1)(B) shall not apply to a foreign  
6 person if admitting the person into the United  
7 States is necessary to permit the United States to  
8 comply with the Agreement regarding the Head-  
9 quarters of the United Nations, signed at Lake Suc-  
10 cess June 26, 1947, and entered into force Novem-  
11 ber 21, 1947, between the United Nations and the  
12 United States, or other applicable international obli-  
13 gations.

14 (3) PENALTIES.—A person that violates, at-  
15 tempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a  
16 violation of any regulation, license, or order issued  
17 to carry out paragraph (1)(A) shall be subject to the  
18 penalties set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of sec-  
19 tion 206 of the International Emergency Economic  
20 Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) to the same extent as  
21 a person that commits an unlawful act described in  
22 subsection (a) of that section.

23 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 (1) FINANCIAL, MATERIAL, OR TECHNOLOGICAL  
25 SUPPORT.—The term “financial, material, or techno-

1       logical support” has the meaning given such term in  
2       section 542.304 of title 31, Code of Federal Regula-  
3       tions (or any corresponding similar regulation or rul-  
4       ing).

5           (2) FOREIGN PERSON.—The term “foreign per-  
6       son” has the meaning given such term in section  
7       594.304 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations (or  
8       any corresponding similar regulation or ruling).

9           (3) KNOWINGLY.—The term “knowingly” has  
10      the meaning given such term in section 566.312 of  
11      title 31, Code of Federal Regulations (or any cor-  
12      responding similar regulation or ruling).

13          (4) SYRIA.—The term “Syria” has the meaning  
14      given such term in section 542.316 of title 31, Code  
15      of Federal Regulations (or any corresponding similar  
16      regulation or ruling).

17          (5) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term  
18      “United States person” has the meaning given such  
19      term in section 542.319 of title 31, Code of Federal  
20      Regulations (or any corresponding similar regulation  
21      or ruling).

1 **SEC. 203. IMPOSITION, AND CONDITIONAL TERMINATION,**  
2 **OF SANCTIONS RELATING TO SIGNIFICANT**  
3 **ARMS SALES TO SYRIA.**

4 (a) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO  
5 THE CENTRAL BANK OF SYRIA AND OTHER SYRIAN FI-  
6 NANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall prohibit  
8 the opening, and prohibit or impose strict conditions  
9 on the maintaining, in the United States of a cor-  
10 respondent account or a payable-through account by  
11 a foreign financial institution that the President de-  
12 termines has knowingly conducted any significant  
13 arms sale to—

14 (A) the regime of Bashar al-Assad through  
15 the Central Bank of Syria or another Syrian fi-  
16 nancial institution designated by the Secretary  
17 of the Treasury for the imposition of sanctions  
18 pursuant to the International Emergency Eco-  
19 nomic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.); or

20 (B) any Syrian person added after April  
21 28, 2011, and before the date of the enactment  
22 of this Act, to the list of specially designated  
23 nationals and blocked persons maintained by  
24 the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the De-  
25 partment of the Treasury.

1           (2) EXCEPTION FOR HUMANITARIAN TRANS-  
2           ACTIONS.—The President may not impose sanctions  
3           under paragraph (1) on a foreign financial institu-  
4           tion for engaging in a transaction with the Central  
5           Bank of Syria for the sale of food, medicine, medical  
6           devices, donations intended to relieve human suf-  
7           fering, or non-lethal aid to the people of Syria.

8           (3) APPLICABILITY.—Paragraph (1) applies  
9           with respect to financial transactions commenced on  
10          or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

11          (4) WAIVER.—

12                (A) IN GENERAL.—The President may  
13                waive the application of paragraph (1) with re-  
14                spect to a foreign financial institution for a pe-  
15                riod of not more than 180 days, and may renew  
16                that waiver for additional periods of not more  
17                than 180 days, if the President determines and  
18                reports to the appropriate congressional com-  
19                mittees that the waiver is necessary to the na-  
20                tional security interest of the United States.

21                (B) FORM.—A report submitted pursuant  
22                to subparagraph (A) shall be submitted in un-  
23                classified form, but may contain a classified  
24                annex.

25          (b) TERMINATION OF SANCTIONS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The requirements under  
2           subsection (a) to impose sanctions shall no longer  
3           have force or effect with respect to Syria if the  
4           President determines and certifies to the appropriate  
5           congressional committees that the termination of  
6           such sanctions is in the national security interest of  
7           the United States.

8           (2) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—Upon mak-  
9           ing the certification described in paragraph (1), the  
10          President shall submit to the appropriate congres-  
11          sional committees a report assessing—

12                   (A) the extent to which Bashar al-Assad or  
13                   members of his regime control Syrian territory;

14                   (B) the existence and capability of a demo-  
15                   cratic transitional government to control Syrian  
16                   territory and provide basic services to the Syr-  
17                   ian people;

18                   (C) whether the transitional government  
19                   supports acts of terrorism or has committed  
20                   human rights violations; and

21                   (D) whether the transitional government is  
22                   cooperating with the United States Government  
23                   in locating, securing, and removing conventional  
24                   and unconventional weapons.

25          (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1           (1) ACCOUNT; CORRESPONDENT ACCOUNT; PAY-  
2 ABLE-THROUGH ACCOUNT.—The terms “account”,  
3 “correspondent account”, and “payable-through ac-  
4 count” have the meanings given those terms in sec-  
5 tion 5318A of title 31, United States Code.

6           (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
7 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
8 mittees” means—

9           (A) the Committee on Finance, the Com-  
10 mittee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Af-  
11 fairs, and the Committee on Foreign Relations  
12 of the Senate; and

13           (B) the Committee on Ways and Means,  
14 the Committee on Financial Services, and the  
15 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of  
16 Representatives.

17           (3) FOREIGN FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.—The  
18 term “foreign financial institution” has the meaning  
19 of that term as determined by the Secretary of the  
20 Treasury pursuant to section 104(i) of the Com-  
21 prehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Di-  
22 vestment Act of 2010 (22 U.S.C. 8513(i)).

23           (4) SYRIAN PERSON.—The term “Syrian per-  
24 son” means—

1 (A) an individual who is a citizen or na-  
2 tional of Syria; or

3 (B) an entity organized under the laws of  
4 Syria or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of  
5 the Government of Syria.

6 **SEC. 204. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

7 The sanctions that are required to be imposed under  
8 this title are in addition to other similar or related sanc-  
9 tions that are required to be imposed under any other pro-  
10 vision of law.

11 **TITLE III—AMENDMENTS TO**  
12 **SYRIA HUMAN RIGHTS AC-**  
13 **COUNTABILITY ACT OF 2012**

14 **SEC. 301. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO**  
15 **CERTAIN PERSONS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE**  
16 **FOR OR COMPLICIT IN HUMAN RIGHTS**  
17 **ABUSES COMMITTED AGAINST CITIZENS OF**  
18 **SYRIA OR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 702(c) of the Syria  
20 Human Rights Accountability Act of 2012 (22 U.S.C.  
21 8791(c)) is amended to read as follows:

22 “(c) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall exer-  
24 cise all powers granted by the International Emer-  
25 gency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et

1       seq.) (except that the requirements of section 202 of  
2       such Act (50 U.S.C. 1701) shall not apply) to the  
3       extent necessary to freeze and prohibit all trans-  
4       actions in all property and interests in property of  
5       a person on the list required by subsection (b) if  
6       such property and interests in property are in the  
7       United States, come within the United States, or are  
8       or come within the possession or control of a United  
9       States person.

10           “(2) ALIENS INELIGIBLE FOR VISAS, ADMIS-  
11       SION, OR PAROLE.—

12           “(A) EXCLUSION FROM THE UNITED  
13       STATES.—The Secretary of State shall deny a  
14       visa to, and the Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
15       rity shall exclude from the United States, any  
16       person on the list required by subsection (b)  
17       that is an alien.

18           “(B) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—

19           “(i) IN GENERAL.—The issuing con-  
20       sular officer, the Secretary of State, or the  
21       Secretary of Homeland Security (or a des-  
22       ignee of one of such Secretaries) shall re-  
23       voke any visa or other entry documentation  
24       issued to an alien on the list required by  
25       subsection (b).

1                   “(ii) EFFECT OF REVOCATION.—A  
2                   revocation under subclause (I) shall take  
3                   effect immediately and shall automatically  
4                   cancel any other valid visa or entry docu-  
5                   mentation that is in the possession of an  
6                   alien on the list required by subsection (b).

7                   “(3) PENALTIES.—A person that violates, at-  
8                   tempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a  
9                   violation of this section or any regulation, license, or  
10                  order issued to carry out this section shall be subject  
11                  to the penalties set forth in subsections (b) and (c)  
12                  of section 206 of the International Emergency Eco-  
13                  nomic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) to the same ex-  
14                  tent as a person that commits an unlawful act de-  
15                  scribed in subsection (a) of that section.

16                  “(4) REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—The President  
17                  shall, not later than 90 days after the date of the  
18                  enactment of this section, promulgate regulations as  
19                  necessary for the implementation of this section.

20                  “(5) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH UNITED NA-  
21                  TIONS HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT.—Sanctions  
22                  under paragraph (2) shall not apply to an alien if  
23                  admitting the alien into the United States is nec-  
24                  essary to permit the United States to comply with  
25                  the Agreement regarding the Headquarters of the

1 United Nations, signed at Lake Success June 26,  
2 1947, and entered into force November 21, 1947,  
3 between the United Nations and the United States,  
4 or other applicable international obligations.

5 “(6) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in  
6 this section shall be construed to limit the authority  
7 of the President to impose additional sanctions pur-  
8 suant to the International Emergency Economic  
9 Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), relevant Exec-  
10 utive orders, regulations, or other provisions of  
11 law.”.

12 (b) SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES DESCRIBED.—  
13 Section 702 of the Syria Human Rights Accountability  
14 Act of 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8791) is amended by adding at  
15 the end the following:

16 “(d) SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES DE-  
17 SCRIBED.—In subsection (b), the term ‘serious human  
18 rights abuses’ includes the deliberate targeting of civilian  
19 infrastructure to include schools, hospitals, and markets.”.

20 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
21 subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect on the date of  
22 the enactment of this Act and shall apply with respect to  
23 the imposition of sanctions under section 702(a) of the  
24 Syria Human Rights Accountability Act of 2012 on or  
25 after such date of enactment.

1 **SEC. 302. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO**  
2 **THE TRANSFER OF GOODS OR TECH-**  
3 **NOLOGIES TO SYRIA THAT ARE LIKELY TO BE**  
4 **USED TO COMMIT HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES.**

5 Section 703(b)(2)(C) of the Syria Human Rights Ac-  
6 countability Act of 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8792(b)(2)(C)) is  
7 amended—

8 (1) in clause (i), by striking “or” at the end;

9 (2) in clause (ii), by striking the period at the  
10 end and inserting a semicolon; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(iii) any article designated by the  
13 President for purposes of the United  
14 States Munitions List under section  
15 38(a)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act  
16 (22 U.S.C. 2778(a)(1)); or

17 “(iv) other goods or technologies that  
18 the President determines may be used by  
19 the Government of Syria to commit human  
20 rights abuses against the people of Syria.”.

1 **TITLE IV—REPORTS AND WAIV-**  
2 **ER FOR HUMANITARIAN-RE-**  
3 **LATED ACTIVITIES WITH RE-**  
4 **SPECT TO SYRIA**

5 **SEC. 401. REPORT ON MONITORING AND EVALUATING OF**  
6 **ONGOING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN SYRIA**  
7 **AND TO THE SYRIAN PEOPLE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State  
10 and the Administrator of the United States Agency for  
11 International Development shall submit to the appropriate  
12 congressional committees a report on the monitoring and  
13 evaluation of ongoing assistance programs in Syria and  
14 to the Syrian people.

15 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report re-  
16 quired by subsection (a) shall include—

17 (1) the specific project monitoring and evalua-  
18 tion plans, including measurable goals and perform-  
19 ance metrics for cross-border assistance in Syria;  
20 and

21 (2) the major challenges to monitoring and  
22 evaluating programs in Syria.

1 **SEC. 402. REPORT ON CERTAIN PERSONS WHO ARE RE-**  
2 **SPONSIBLE FOR OR COMPLICIT IN CERTAIN**  
3 **HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN SYRIA.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the  
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall sub-  
6 mit to the appropriate congressional committees a detailed  
7 report with respect to whether each person described in  
8 subsection (b) is a person that meets the requirements de-  
9 scribed in section 702(b) of the Syria Human Rights Ac-  
10 countability Act of 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8791(b)) for purposes  
11 of inclusion on the list of persons who are responsible for  
12 or complicit in certain human rights abuses under such  
13 section. For any such person who is not included in such  
14 report, the President should include in the report a de-  
15 scription of the reasons why the person was not included,  
16 including information on whether sufficient credible evi-  
17 dence of responsibility for such abuses was found.

18 (b) PERSONS DESCRIBED.—The persons described in  
19 this subsection are the following:

- 20 (1) Bashar Al-Assad.  
21 (2) Asma Al-Assad.  
22 (3) Rami Makhlouf.  
23 (4) Bouthayna Shaaban.  
24 (5) Walid Moallem.  
25 (6) Ali Al-Salim.  
26 (7) Wael Nader Al-Halqi.

- 1 (8) Jamil Hassan.
- 2 (9) Suhail Hassan.
- 3 (10) Ali Mamluk.
- 4 (11) Muhammed Khadour, Deir Ez Zor Military and Security.
- 5
- 6 (12) Jamal Razzouq, Security Branch 243.
- 7 (13) Munzer Ghanam, Air Force Intelligence.
- 8 (14) Daas Hasan Ali, Branch 327.
- 9 (15) Jassem Ali Jassem Hamad, Political Security.
- 10
- 11 (16) Samir Muhammad Youssef, Military Intelligence.
- 12
- 13 (17) Ali Ahmad Dayoub, Air Force Intelligence.
- 14 (18) Khaled Muhsen Al-Halabi, Security Branch 335.
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- 16 (19) Mahmoud Kahila, Political Security.
- 17 (20) Zuhair Ahmad Hamad, Provincial Security.
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- 19 (21) Wafiq Nasser, Security Branch 245.
- 20 (22) Qussay Mayoub, Air Force Intelligence.
- 21 (23) Muhammad Ammar Sardini, Political Security.
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- 23 (24) Fouad Hammouda, Military Security.
- 24 (25) Hasan Daaboul, Branch 261.
- 25 (26) Yahia Wahbi, Air Force Intelligence.

- 1 (27) Okab Saqer, Security Branch 318.
- 2 (28) Husam Luqa, Political Security.
- 3 (29) Sami Al-Hasan, Security Branch 219.
- 4 (30) Yassir Deeb, Political Security.
- 5 (31) Ibrahim Darwish, Security Branch 220.
- 6 (32) Nasser Deeb, Political Security.
- 7 (33) Abdullatif Al-Fahed, Security Branch 290.
- 8 (34) Adeeb Namer Salamah, Air Force Intel-
- 9 ligence.
- 10 (35) Akram Muhammed, State Security.
- 11 (36) Reyad Abbas, Political Security.
- 12 (37) Ali Abdullah Ayoub, Syrian Armed Forces.
- 13 (38) Fahd Jassem Al-Freij, Defense Ministry.
- 14 (39) Issam Halaq, Air Force.
- 15 (40) Ghassan Al-Abdullah, General Intelligence
- 16 Directorate.
- 17 (41) Maher Al-Assad, Republican Guard.
- 18 (42) Fahad Al-Farouch.
- 19 (43) Rafiq Shahada, Military Intelligence.
- 20 (44) Loay Al-Ali, Military Intelligence.
- 21 (45) Nawfal Al-Husayn, Military Intelligence.
- 22 (46) Muhammad Zamrini, Military Intelligence.
- 23 (47) Muhammad Mahallah, Military Intel-
- 24 ligence.
- 25 (c) FORM OF REPORT; PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—

1           (1) FORM.—The list required by subsection (a)  
2 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may in-  
3 clude a classified annex if necessary.

4           (2) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The unclassified  
5 portion of the list required by paragraph (1) shall be  
6 made available to the public and posted on the  
7 websites of the Department of the Treasury and the  
8 Department of State.

9 **SEC. 403. ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL EFFECTIVENESS OF**  
10 **AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ESTABLISH-**  
11 **MENT OF A NO-FLY ZONE, SAFE ZONES, OR A**  
12 **NO-BOMBING ZONE IN SYRIA.**

13       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the  
14 date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall sub-  
15 mit to the appropriate congressional committees a report  
16 that—

17           (1) assesses the potential effectiveness, risks,  
18 and operational requirements of the establishment  
19 and maintenance of a no-fly zone over part or all of  
20 Syria, including—

21               (A) the operational and legal requirements  
22 for United States and coalition air power to es-  
23 tablish a no-fly zone over all or part of Syria;

24               (B) the impact a no-fly zone over all or  
25 part of Syria would have on humanitarian and

1           counterterrorism efforts in Syria and the sur-  
2           rounding region; and

3                   (C) the potential for force contributions  
4           from other countries to establish a no-fly zone  
5           over all or part of Syria;

6           (2) assesses the potential effectiveness, risks,  
7           and operational requirements for the establishment  
8           of one or more safe zones in Syria for internally dis-  
9           placed persons or for the facilitation of humani-  
10          tarian assistance, including—

11                   (A) the operational and legal requirements  
12          for United States and coalition forces to estab-  
13          lish one or more safe zones in Syria;

14                   (B) the impact one or more safe zones in  
15          Syria would have on humanitarian and counter-  
16          terrorism efforts in Syria and the surrounding  
17          region; and

18                   (C) the potential for contributions from  
19          other countries and vetted non-state actor part-  
20          ners to establish and maintain one or more safe  
21          zones in Syria; and

22          (3) assesses the potential effectiveness, risks,  
23          and operational requirements of the establishment  
24          and maintenance of a no-bombing zone over all or  
25          part of Syria, including—

1 (A) the operational and legal requirements  
2 for United States and coalition air power to es-  
3 tablish a no-bombing zone over all or part of  
4 Syria;

5 (B) the impact a no-bombing zone over all  
6 or part of Syria would have on humanitarian  
7 and counterterrorism efforts in Syria and the  
8 surrounding region; and

9 (C) the potential for force contributions  
10 from other countries to establish a no-bombing  
11 zone over all or part of Syria.

12 (b) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)  
13 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain  
14 a classified annex if necessary.

15 **SEC. 404. ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT ENTITIES TAKING AC-**  
16 **TIONS RELATING TO GATHERING EVIDENCE**  
17 **FOR INVESTIGATIONS INTO WAR CRIMES OR**  
18 **CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY IN SYRIA SINCE**  
19 **MARCH 2011.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, acting  
21 through the Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human  
22 Rights and Labor and the Assistant Secretary for Inter-  
23 national Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, is au-  
24 thorized to provide assistance to support entities that are  
25 conducting criminal investigations, building Syrian inves-

1 tigative capacity, supporting prosecutions in national  
2 courts, collecting evidence and preserving the chain of evi-  
3 dence for eventual prosecution against those who have  
4 committed war crimes or crimes against humanity in Syria  
5 since March 2011.

6 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date  
7 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall  
8 submit to the appropriate congressional committees a de-  
9 tailed report on assistance provided under subsection (a).

10 **SEC. 405. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES**

11 **DEFINED.**

12 In this title, the term “appropriate congressional  
13 committees” means—

14 (1) the Select Committee on Intelligence, the  
15 Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Af-  
16 fairs, and the Committee on Foreign Relations of  
17 the Senate; and

18 (2) the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-  
19 ligence, the Committee on Financial Services, and  
20 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of  
21 Representatives.

1 **TITLE V—SUSPENSION OF SANC-**  
2 **TIONS WITH RESPECT TO**  
3 **SYRIA**

4 **SEC. 501. SUSPENSION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO**  
5 **SYRIA.**

6 (a) SUSPENSION OF SANCTIONS.—

7 (1) NEGOTIATIONS NOT CONCLUDING IN  
8 AGREEMENT.—If the President determines that  
9 internationally recognized negotiations to resolve the  
10 violence in Syria have not concluded in an agree-  
11 ment or are likely not to conclude in an agreement,  
12 the President may suspend, as appropriate, in whole  
13 or in part, the imposition of sanctions otherwise re-  
14 quired under this Act or any amendment made by  
15 this Act for a period not to exceed 120 days, and re-  
16 newable for additional periods not to exceed 120  
17 days, if the President submits to the appropriate  
18 congressional committees in writing a determination  
19 and certification that the Government of Syria has  
20 ended military attacks against and gross violations  
21 of the human rights of the people of Syria, specifi-  
22 cally—

23 (A) the air space over Syria is no longer  
24 being utilized by the Government of Syria and  
25 associated forces to target civilian populations

1 through the use of incendiary devices, including  
2 barrel bombs, chemical weapons, and conven-  
3 tional arms, including air-delivered missiles and  
4 explosives;

5 (B) areas besieged by the regime of  
6 Bashar al-Assad and associated forces, includ-  
7 ing Hezbollah and irregular Iranian forces, are  
8 no longer cut off from international aid and  
9 have regular access to humanitarian assistance,  
10 freedom of travel, and medical care;

11 (C) the Government of Syria is releasing  
12 all political prisoners forcibly held within the  
13 prison system of the regime of Bashar al-Assad,  
14 including the facilities maintained by various  
15 security, intelligence, and military elements as-  
16 sociated with the Government of Syria and al-  
17 lowed full access to the same facilities for inves-  
18 tigation by appropriate international human  
19 rights organizations; and

20 (D) the forces of the Government of Syria  
21 and associated forces, including Hezbollah, ir-  
22 regular Iranian forces, and air assets of the  
23 Government of the Russian Federation, are no  
24 longer engaged in deliberate targeting of med-  
25 ical facilities, schools, residential areas, and

1 community gathering places, including markets,  
2 in flagrant violation of international norms.

3 (2) NEGOTIATIONS CONCLUDING IN AGREE-  
4 MENT.—

5 (A) INITIAL SUSPENSION OF SANCTIONS.—

6 If the President determines that internationally  
7 recognized negotiations to resolve the violence  
8 in Syria have concluded in an agreement or are  
9 likely to conclude in an agreement, the Presi-  
10 dent may suspend, as appropriate, in whole or  
11 in part, the imposition of sanctions otherwise  
12 required under this Act or any amendment  
13 made by this Act for a period not to exceed 120  
14 days if the President submits to the appropriate  
15 congressional committees in writing a deter-  
16 mination and certification that—

17 (i) in the case in which the negotia-  
18 tions are likely to conclude in an agree-  
19 ment—

20 (I) the Government of Syria, the  
21 Syrian High Negotiations Committee  
22 or its successor, and appropriate  
23 international parties are participating  
24 in direct, face-to-face negotiations;  
25 and

1 (II) the suspension of sanctions  
2 under this Act or any amendment  
3 made by this Act is essential to the  
4 advancement of such negotiations; and

5 (ii) the Government of Syria has dem-  
6 onstrated a commitment to a significant  
7 and substantial reduction in attacks on  
8 and violence against the people of Syria by  
9 the Government of Syria and associated  
10 forces.

11 (B) RENEWAL OF SUSPENSION OF SANC-  
12 TIONS.—The President may renew a suspension  
13 of sanctions under subparagraph (A) for addi-  
14 tional periods not to exceed 120 days if, for  
15 each such additional period, the President sub-  
16 mits to the appropriate congressional commit-  
17 tees in writing a determination and certification  
18 that—

19 (i) the conditions described in clauses  
20 (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (A) are con-  
21 tinuing to be met;

22 (ii) the renewal of the suspension of  
23 sanctions is essential to implementing an  
24 agreement described in subparagraph (A)

1 or making progress toward concluding an  
2 agreement described in subparagraph (A);

3 (iii) the Government of Syria and as-  
4 sociated forces have ceased attacks against  
5 Syrian civilians; and

6 (iv) the Government of Syria has pub-  
7 lically committed to negotiations for a  
8 transitional government in Syria and con-  
9 tinues to demonstrate that commitment  
10 through sustained engagement in talks and  
11 substantive and verifiable progress towards  
12 the implementation of such an agreement.

13 (3) BRIEFING AND REIMPOSITION OF SANC-  
14 TIONS.—

15 (A) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days  
16 after the President submits to the appropriate  
17 congressional committees a determination and  
18 certification in the case of a renewal of suspen-  
19 sion of sanctions under paragraph (2)(B), and  
20 every 30 days thereafter, the President shall  
21 provide a briefing to the appropriate congres-  
22 sional committees on the status and frequency  
23 of negotiations described in paragraph (2).

24 (B) RE-IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—If  
25 the President provides a briefing to the appro-

1            appropriate congressional committees under subpara-  
2            graph (A) with respect to which the President  
3            indicates a lapse in negotiations described in  
4            paragraph (2) for a period that equals or ex-  
5            ceeds 90 days, the sanctions that were sus-  
6            pended under paragraph (2)(B) shall be re-im-  
7            posed and any further suspension of such sanc-  
8            tions is prohibited.

9            (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR  
10          DETERMINING A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT IN  
11          SYRIA.—It is the sense of Congress that a transitional  
12          government in Syria is a government that—

13            (1) is taking verifiable steps to release all polit-  
14            ical prisoners and provided full access to Syrian  
15            prisons for investigations by appropriate inter-  
16            national human rights organizations;

17            (2) is taking verifiable steps to remove former  
18            senior Syrian government officials who are complicit  
19            in the conception, implementation, or coverup of war  
20            crimes, crimes against humanity, or human rights  
21            abuses from government positions and any person  
22            subject to sanctions under any provision of law;

23            (3) is in the process of organizing free and fair  
24            elections for a new government—

1 (A) to be held in a timely manner and  
2 scheduled while the suspension of sanctions or  
3 the renewal of the suspension of sanctions  
4 under this section is in effect; and

5 (B) to be conducted under the supervision  
6 of internationally recognized observers;

7 (4) is making tangible progress toward estab-  
8 lishing an independent judiciary;

9 (5) is demonstrating respect for and compliance  
10 with internationally recognized human rights and  
11 basic freedoms as specified in the Universal Declara-  
12 tion of Human Rights;

13 (6) is—

14 (A) taking steps to verifiably fulfill its  
15 commitments under the Convention on the Pro-  
16 hibition of the Development, Production, Stock-  
17 piling, and Use of Chemical Weapons and on  
18 their Destruction, done at Paris January 13,  
19 1993, and entered into force April 29, 1997  
20 (commonly known as the “Chemical Weapons  
21 Convention”) and the Treaty on the Non-Pro-  
22 liferation of Nuclear Weapons, done at Wash-  
23 ington, London, and Moscow July 1, 1968 (21  
24 UST 483) (commonly referred to as the “Nu-  
25 clear Nonproliferation Treaty”);

1           (B) making tangible progress toward be-  
2           coming a signatory to Convention on the Prohi-  
3           bition of the Development, Production and  
4           Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and  
5           Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction, done  
6           at Washington, London, and Moscow April 10,  
7           1972 and entered into force March 26, 1975  
8           (commonly known as the “Biological Weapons  
9           Convention”) ; and

10           (C) adhering to the Missile Technology  
11           Control Regime and other control lists, as nec-  
12           essary;

13           (7) has halted the development and deployment  
14           of ballistic and cruise missiles; and

15           (8) is taking verifiable steps to remove from po-  
16           sitions of authority within the intelligence and secu-  
17           rity services as well as the military those who were  
18           in a position of authority or responsibility during the  
19           conflict and who under the authority of their posi-  
20           tion were implicated in or implicit in the torture,  
21           extrajudicial killing, or execution of civilians, to in-  
22           clude those who were involved in decisionmaking or  
23           execution of plans to use chemical weapons.

1 **SEC. 502. WAIVERS AND EXEMPTIONS.**

2 (a) EXEMPTIONS.—The following activities and  
3 transactions shall be exempt from sanctions authorized  
4 under this Act and amendments made by this Act:

5 (1) Any activity subject to the reporting re-  
6 quirements under title V of the National Security  
7 Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3091 et seq.), or to any au-  
8 thorized intelligence activities of the United States.

9 (2) Any transaction necessary to comply with  
10 United States obligations under—

11 (A) the Agreement between the United Na-  
12 tions and the United States of America regard-  
13 ing the Headquarters of the United Nations,  
14 signed at Lake Success June 26, 1947, and en-  
15 tered into force November 21, 1947; or

16 (B) the Convention on Consular Relations,  
17 done at Vienna April 24, 1963, and entered  
18 into force March 19, 1967.

19 (b) HUMANITARIAN AND DEMOCRACY ASSISTANCE  
20 WAIVER.—

21 (1) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It shall be the  
22 policy of the United States to fully utilize the waiver  
23 authority under this subsection to ensure that ade-  
24 quate humanitarian relief or support for democracy  
25 promotion is provided to the people of Syria.

1           (2) WAIVER.—The President may waive, on a  
2 case-by-case basis, for a period not to exceed 120  
3 days, and renewable for additional periods not to ex-  
4 ceed 120 days, the application of sanctions author-  
5 ized under this Act or amendments made by this Act  
6 if the President submits to the appropriate congres-  
7 sional committees a written determination that the  
8 waiver is necessary for purposes of providing hu-  
9 manitarian assistance or support for democracy pro-  
10 motion to the people of Syria.

11           (3) CONTENT OF WRITTEN DETERMINATION.—  
12 A written determination submitted under paragraph  
13 (1) with respect to a waiver shall include a descrip-  
14 tion of all notification and accountability controls  
15 that have been employed in order to ensure that the  
16 activities covered by the waiver are humanitarian as-  
17 sistance or support for democracy promotion and do  
18 not entail any activities in Syria or dealings with the  
19 Government of Syria not reasonably related to hu-  
20 manitarian assistance or support for democracy pro-  
21 motion.

22           (4) CLARIFICATION OF PERMITTED ACTIVITIES  
23 UNDER WAIVER.—The President may not impose  
24 sanctions authorized under this Act or amendments

1       made by this Act against an internationally recog-  
2       nized humanitarian organization for—

3               (A) engaging in a financial transaction re-  
4       lating to humanitarian assistance or for human-  
5       itarian purposes pursuant to a waiver issued  
6       under paragraph (1);

7               (B) transporting goods or services that are  
8       necessary to carry out operations relating to  
9       humanitarian assistance or humanitarian pur-  
10      poses pursuant to such a waiver; or

11              (C) having incidental contact, in the course  
12      of providing humanitarian assistance or aid for  
13      humanitarian purposes pursuant to such a  
14      waiver, with individuals who are under the con-  
15      trol of a foreign person subject to sanctions  
16      under this Act or any amendment made by this  
17      Act.

18      (c) NATIONAL SECURITY WAIVER.—

19              (1) IN GENERAL.—The President may, on a  
20      case-by-case basis and for periods not to exceed 120  
21      days, waive the application of sanctions under this  
22      Act or amendments made by this Act with respect  
23      to a foreign person if the President certifies to the  
24      appropriate congressional committees that such

1 waiver is vital to the national security interests of  
2 the United States.

3 (2) CONSULTATION.—

4 (A) BEFORE WAIVER ISSUED.—Not later  
5 than 5 days before the issuance of a waiver  
6 under paragraph (1) is to take effect, the Presi-  
7 dent shall notify and brief the appropriate con-  
8 gressional committees on the status of the for-  
9 eign person’s involvement in activities described  
10 in this Act or amendments made by this Act.

11 (B) AFTER WAIVER ISSUED.—Not later  
12 than 90 days after the issuance of a waiver  
13 under paragraph (1), and every 120 days there-  
14 after if the waiver remains in effect, the Presi-  
15 dent shall brief the appropriate congressional  
16 committees on the status of the foreign person’s  
17 involvement in activities described in this Act or  
18 amendments made by this Act.

19 **SEC. 503. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES**  
20 **DEFINED.**

21 In this title, the term “appropriate congressional  
22 committees” means—

23 (1) the Select Committee on Intelligence, the  
24 Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Af-

1       fairs, and the Committee on Foreign Relations of  
2       the Senate; and

3               (2) the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-  
4       ligence, the Committee on Financial Services, and  
5       the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of  
6       Representatives.

7                   **TITLE VI—REGULATORY**  
8                   **AUTHORITY AND SUNSET**

9       **SEC. 601. REGULATORY AUTHORITY.**

10       (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall, not later  
11       than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
12       promulgate regulations as necessary for the implementa-  
13       tion of this Act and the amendments made by this Act.

14       (b) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.—Not less than 10  
15       days before the promulgation of regulations under sub-  
16       section (a), the President shall notify and provide to the  
17       appropriate congressional committees the proposed regula-  
18       tions and the provisions of this Act and the amendments  
19       made by this Act that the regulations are implementing.

20       (c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “appro-  
21       priate congressional committees” means—

22               (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the  
23       Committee on Financial Services of the House of  
24       Representatives; and

1           (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and  
2           the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Af-  
3           fairs of the Senate.

4 **SEC. 602. SUNSET.**

5           This Act shall cease to be effective beginning on De-  
6           cember 31, 2021.