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To hold Iran accountable for its state sponsorship of terrorism and other threatening activities and for its human rights abuses, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MCCARTHY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To hold Iran accountable for its state sponsorship of terrorism and other threatening activities and for its human rights abuses, and for other purposes.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Iran Accountability Act of 2016”.

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

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Findings.

- Sec. 3. Sense of Congress.
- Sec. 4. Statement of policy.
- Sec. 5. Definitions.

TITLE I—SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO ENTITIES OWNED BY
IRAN'S REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS

- Sec. 101. Imposition of sanctions with respect to the IRGC.
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- Sec. 103. IRGC watch list and report.
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- Sec. 201. Expansion of sanctions with respect to efforts by Iran to acquire ballistic missile and related technology.
- Sec. 202. Expansion of sanctions under Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 with respect to persons that acquire or develop ballistic missiles.
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- Sec. 206. Regulations.

TITLE III—SANCTIONS RELATING TO IRAN'S SUPPORT OF
TERRORISM

- Sec. 301. Special measures with respect to Iran relating to its designation as a jurisdiction of primary money laundering concern.

TITLE IV—SANCTIONS RELATING TO HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN
IRAN

- Sec. 401. Expansion of list of persons involved in human rights abuses in Iran.
- Sec. 402. Identification of, and imposition of sanctions with respect to, certain Iranian individuals.
- Sec. 403. Imposition of sanctions with respect to persons who conduct transactions with or on behalf of certain Iranian individuals.
- Sec. 404. Mandatory sanctions with respect to financial institutions that engage in certain transactions on behalf of persons involved in human rights abuses or that export sensitive technology to Iran.
- Sec. 405. United States support for the people of Iran.
- Sec. 406. United States Special Coordinator on Human Rights and Democracy in Iran.
- Sec. 407. Broadcasting to Iran.
- Sec. 408. Report on United States citizens detained by Iran.
- Sec. 409. Sense of Congress on role of the United Nations in promoting human rights in Iran.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) On April 2, 2015, in announcing a frame-
4 work agreement for the Joint Comprehensive Plan of
5 Action, President Obama stated that “other Amer-
6 ican sanctions on Iran for its support of terrorism,
7 its human rights abuses, its ballistic missile pro-
8 gram, will continue to be fully enforced”.

9 (2) On July 14, 2015, President Obama stated
10 that “we will maintain our own sanctions related to
11 Iran’s support for terrorism, its ballistic missile pro-
12 gram, and its human rights violations”.

13 (3) On January 16, 2016, President Obama
14 stated that “We still have sanctions on Iran for its
15 violations of human rights, for its support of ter-
16 rorism, and for its ballistic missile program. And we
17 will continue to enforce these sanctions, vigorously.”.

18 (4) On January 21, 2016, Secretary of State
19 John Kerry admitted that sanctions relief under the
20 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action would go to ter-
21 rorist organizations, stating: “I think that some of
22 it will end up in the hands of the IRGC or other en-
23 tities, some of which are labeled terrorists. . . You
24 know, to some degree, I’m not going to sit here and
25 tell you that every component of that can be pre-
26 vented.”.

1 (5) Secretary of State John Kerry stated on
2 July 23, 2015, “We will not violate the [Joint Com-
3 prehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA)] if we use our
4 authorities to impose sanctions on Iran for ter-
5 rorism, human rights, missiles, or other nonnuclear
6 reasons. And the JCPOA does not provide Iran any
7 relief from United States sanctions under any of
8 those authorities or other authorities.”.

9 (6) Director of National Intelligence James
10 Clapper wrote on February 9, 2016, “[T]he Islamic
11 Republic of Iran presents an enduring threat to U.S
12 national interests because of its support to regional
13 terrorist and militant groups and the Assad regime,
14 as well as its development of advanced military capa-
15 bilities. Tehran views itself as leading the ‘axis of re-
16 sistance’ which includes the Asad regime and sub-
17 national groups aligned with Iran, especially Leba-
18 nese Hezbollah and Iraqi Shia militants . . . Tehran
19 might even use American citizens detained when en-
20 tering Iranian territories as bargaining pieces to
21 achieve financial or political concessions in line with
22 heir strategic intentions.”.

23 (7) Secretary of the Treasury Jacob Lew stated
24 on July 14, 2015, “We harbor no illusions about the
25 Iranian government’s nefarious activities beyond its

1 nuclear program. Make no mistake: we will continue
2 to impose and aggressively enforce sanctions to com-
3 bat Iran’s support for terrorist groups, its fomenting
4 of violence in the region, and its perpetration of
5 human rights abuses.”.

6 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that—

8 (1) Iran’s ballistic missile program and support
9 for terrorism represents a serious threat to allies of
10 the United States in the Middle East and Europe,
11 members of the Armed Forces deployed in the those
12 regions, and ultimately the United States; and

13 (2) the United States should impose tough pri-
14 mary and secondary sanctions against any person
15 that directly or indirectly supports the ballistic mis-
16 sile program of Iran, its state-sponsorship of ter-
17 rorism and human rights abuses, as well as against
18 any foreign person or financial institution that en-
19 gages in transactions or trade that support those ef-
20 forts.

21 **SEC. 4. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

22 It is the policy of the United States—

23 (1) to continue to impose pressure on the Gov-
24 ernment of Iran for its role as the foremost state
25 sponsor of terrorism, its ongoing human rights

1 abuses against the citizens of Iran and other peo-
2 ples, and its unjust detention of United States citi-
3 zens; and

4 (2) to continue to use sanctions as an element
5 of that pressure and to discourage financial institu-
6 tions and entities from engaging in business and
7 commerce with Iranian entities tied to Iran’s Revolu-
8 tionary Guard Corps and to Iranian officials in-
9 volved in human rights abuses.

10 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

11 In this Act:

12 (1) ENTITY.—The term “entity” means any
13 corporation, business association, partnership, trust,
14 society, or any other entity.

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

18 (3) IRGC.—The term “IRGC” means—

19 (A) Iran’s Revolutionary Guard Corps and
20 any official, agent, or affiliate of Iran’s Revolu-
21 tionary Guard Corps; or

22 (B) any person owned or controlled by
23 Iran’s Revolutionary Guard Corps.

24 (4) OWN OR CONTROL.—The term “own or con-
25 trol” means, with respect to an entity—

1 (A) to hold more than 25 percent of the
2 equity interest by vote or value in the entity;

3 (B) to hold any seats on the board of di-
4 rectors of the entity; or

5 (C) to otherwise control the actions, poli-
6 cies, or personnel decisions of the entity.

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

9 (6) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term
10 “United States person” means—

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

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

1 **TITLE I—SANCTIONS WITH RE-**
2 **SPECT TO ENTITIES OWNED**
3 **BY IRAN’S REVOLUTIONARY**
4 **GUARD CORPS**

5 **SEC. 101. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO**
6 **THE IRGC.**

7 (a) AMENDMENTS.—Subtitle A of title III of the Iran
8 Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012
9 (22 U.S.C. 8741 et seq.) is amended—

10 (1) by redesignating section 304 as section 306;

11 and

12 (2) by inserting after section 303 the following
13 new sections:

14 **“SEC. 304. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO**
15 **IRAN’S REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS, ANY**
16 **OFFICIAL, AGENT, OR AFFILIATE OF IRAN’S**
17 **REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS, AND ANY**
18 **PERSON OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY IRAN’S**
19 **REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS.**

20 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after
21 the date of the enactment of the Iran Accountability Act
22 of 2016, and as appropriate thereafter, the President shall
23 impose the sanctions described in subsection (b) with re-
24 spect to Iran’s Revolutionary Guard Corps, any official,
25 agent, or affiliate of Iran’s Revolutionary Guard Corps,

1 and any person owned or controlled by Iran’s Revolu-
2 tionary Guard Corps.

3 “(b) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions de-
4 scribed in this subsection are the following:

5 “(1) Sanctions applicable with respect to an or-
6 ganization that is designated by the Secretary of
7 State as a foreign terrorist organization pursuant to
8 section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
9 (8 U.S.C. 1189).

10 “(2) Sanctions applicable with respect to a for-
11 eign person pursuant to Executive Order 13224
12 (September 23, 2001; relating to blocking property
13 and prohibiting transactions with persons who com-
14 mit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism).

15 **“SEC. 305. DEFINITIONS.**

16 “In this title:

17 “(1) ENTITY.—The term ‘entity’ means any
18 corporation, business association, partnership, trust,
19 society, or any other entity.

20 “(2) FOREIGN PERSON.—The term ‘foreign per-
21 son’ means a person that is not a United States per-
22 son.

23 “(3) PERSON.—The term ‘person’ means an in-
24 dividual or entity.

1 “(4) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term
2 ‘United States person’ means—

3 “(A) a United States citizen or an alien
4 lawfully admitted for permanent residence to
5 the United States; or

6 “(B) an entity organized under the laws of
7 the United States or of any jurisdiction within
8 the United States, including a foreign branch of
9 such an entity.

10 “(5) OWN OR CONTROL.—The term ‘own or
11 control’ means, with respect to an entity—

12 “(A) to hold more than 25 percent of the
13 equity interest by vote or value in the entity;

14 “(B) to hold any seats on the board of di-
15 rectors of the entity; or

16 “(C) to otherwise control the actions, poli-
17 cies, or personnel decisions of the entity.”.

18 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
19 for the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights
20 Act of 2012 is amended by striking the item relating to
21 section 304 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 304. Imposition of sanctions with respect Iran’s Revolutionary Guard
Corps, any official, agent, or affiliate of Iran’s Revolutionary
Guard Corps, and any person owned or controlled by Iran’s
Revolutionary Guard Corps.

“Sec. 305. Definitions.

“Sec. 306. Rule of construction.”.

1 **SEC. 102. ADDITIONAL SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO FOR-**
2 **EIGN PERSONS THAT SUPPORT OR CONDUCT**
3 **CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS WITH IRAN'S REVO-**
4 **LUTIONARY GUARD CORPS OR OTHER SANC-**
5 **TIONED PERSONS.**

6 (a) IDENTIFICATION.—Section 302(a)(1) of the Iran
7 Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012
8 (22 U.S.C. 8742(a)(1)) is amended—

9 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
10 by striking “Not later than 90 days after the date
11 of the enactment of this Act, and every 180 days
12 thereafter,” and inserting “Not later than 60 days
13 after the date of the enactment of the Iran Account-
14 ability Act of 2016, and every 60 days thereafter,”;

15 (2) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “, provide
16 significant financial services to, or provide material
17 support to” after “transactions with”;

18 (3) in subparagraph (C)—

19 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by
20 inserting “, provide significant financial services
21 to, or provide material support to” after “trans-
22 actions with”;

23 (B) in clause (i), by striking “or” at the
24 end;

25 (C) in clause (ii), by striking the period at
26 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

1 (D) by inserting after clause (i) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(iii) a person designated as a foreign
4 terrorist organization under section 219(a)
5 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
6 U.S.C. 1189(a)) or that has provided sup-
7 port for an act of international terrorism
8 (as defined in section 14 of the Iran Sanc-
9 tions Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–172;
10 50 U.S.C. 1701 note)); or

11 “(iv) a foreign person whose property
12 and access to property has been blocked
13 pursuant to Executive Order 13224 (Sep-
14 tember 23, 2001; relating to blocking prop-
15 erty and prohibiting transactions with per-
16 sons who commit, threaten to commit, or
17 support terrorism).”.

18 (b) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—Section 302(b) of
19 the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act
20 of 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8742(b)) is amended by striking “the
21 President—” and all that follows and inserting “the Presi-
22 dent shall, in accordance with the International Emer-
23 gency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.),
24 block and prohibit all transactions in property and inter-
25 ests in property with respect to such foreign person if such

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

5 (c) WAIVER OF IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—Section
6 302(d) of the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human
7 Rights Act of 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8742(d)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “for a period
9 of not more than 60 days, and may renew that waiv-
10 er for additional periods of not more than 60 days,”
11 after “may waive”; and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(3) SUNSET.—The provisions of this sub-
14 section and any waivers issued pursuant to this sub-
15 section shall terminate on December 31, 2018.”.

16 (d) WAIVER OF IDENTIFICATIONS AND DESIGNA-
17 TIONS.—Section 302(e) of the Iran Threat Reduction and
18 Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8742(e)) is
19 amended—

20 (1) by striking “Notwithstanding” and insert-
21 ing the following:

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding”;

23 (2) in paragraph (1) (as so designated), by
24 striking “and subject to paragraph (2)”;

1 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as
2 subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively, and mov-
3 ing the margins 2 ems to the right; and

4 (4) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(2) SUNSET.—The provisions of this sub-
6 section and any waivers issued pursuant to this sub-
7 section shall terminate on December 31, 2018.”.

8 (e) APPLICATION OF PROVISIONS OF IRAN SANC-
9 TIONS ACT OF 1996.—Section 302(f) of the Iran Threat
10 Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 (22
11 U.S.C. 8742(f)) is amended—

12 (1) by striking “The following provisions” and
13 inserting the following:

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The following provisions”;

15 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through
16 (8) as subparagraphs (A) through (H), respectively,
17 and moving the margins 2 ems to the right; and

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

19 “(2) SUNSET.—Sections 4(c) and 9(c) of the
20 Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 shall not apply with re-
21 spect to the imposition under subsection (b) of sanc-
22 tions relating to activities described in subsection
23 (a)(1), in accordance with the provision of para-
24 graph (1) of this subsection, after December 31,
25 2018.”.

1 **SEC. 103. IRGC WATCH LIST AND REPORT.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury
3 shall establish, maintain, and publish in the Federal Reg-
4 ister a list (to be known as the “IRGC Watch List”) of—

5 (1) each entity in which the IRGC has an own-
6 ership interest of less than 25 percent;

7 (2) each entity in which the IRGC does not
8 have an ownership interest if the IRGC maintains a
9 presence on the board of directors of the entity or
10 otherwise influences the actions, policies, or per-
11 sonnel decisions of the entity; and

12 (3) each person that owns or controls an entity
13 described in paragraph (1) or (2).

14 (b) REPORTS REQUIRED.—

15 (1) TREASURY REPORT.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days
17 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and
18 annually thereafter, the Secretary of the Treas-
19 ury shall submit to Congress a report that in-
20 cludes—

21 (i) the list required by subsection (a)
22 and, in the case of any report submitted
23 under this subparagraph after the first
24 such report, any changes to the list since
25 the submission of the preceding such re-
26 port; and

1 (ii) an assessment of the role of the
2 IRGC in, and its penetration into, the
3 economy of Iran.

4 (B) FORM OF REPORT.—Each report re-
5 quired by subparagraph (A) shall be submitted
6 in unclassified form, but may include a classi-
7 fied annex if necessary.

8 (2) GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE RE-
9 PORT.—

10 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller Gen-
11 eral of the United States shall—

12 (i) conduct a review of the list re-
13 quired by subsection (a); and

14 (ii) not later than 180 days after each
15 report required by paragraph (1) is sub-
16 mitted to Congress, submit to Congress a
17 report on the review conducted under
18 clause (i).

19 (B) CONSULTATIONS.—In preparing the
20 report required by subparagraph (A)(ii), the
21 Comptroller General shall consult with non-
22 governmental organizations.

23 **SEC. 104. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS AGAINST MAHAN AIR.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall impose the
25 sanctions described in subsection (b) with respect to—

1 (1) a person that provides, directly or indi-
2 rectly, goods, services, technology, or financial serv-
3 ices, including the sale or provision of aircraft or air-
4 craft parts, fuel, ramp assistance, baggage and
5 cargo handling, catering, refueling, ticketing, check-
6 in services, crew handling, or other services related
7 to flight operations, to or for Mahan Air or its
8 agents or affiliates; or

9 (2) any person owned or controlled by, or any
10 person that owns or controls, a person described in
11 paragraph (1).

12 (b) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—

13 (1) BLOCKING OF PROPERTY.—The President
14 shall block, in accordance with the International
15 Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701
16 et seq.), all transactions in all property and interests
17 in property of any person subject to subsection (a)
18 if such property and interests in property are in the
19 United States, come within the United States, or are
20 or come within the possession or control of a United
21 States person.

22 (2) EXCLUSION FROM UNITED STATES.—The
23 Secretary of State shall deny a visa to, and the Sec-
24 retary of Homeland Security shall exclude from the

1 United States, any person subject to subsection (a)
2 that is an alien.

3 (c) COMPLIANCE WITH UNITED NATIONS HEAD-
4 QUARTERS AGREEMENT.—Subsection (b)(2) shall not
5 apply to the head of state of Iran, or necessary staff of
6 that head of state, if admission to the United States is
7 necessary to permit the United States to comply with the
8 Agreement regarding the Headquarters of the United Na-
9 tions, signed at Lake Success June 26, 1947, and entered
10 into force November 21, 1947, between the United Na-
11 tions and the United States.

12 (d) APPLICABILITY OF ADDITIONAL SANCTIONS.—A
13 person with respect to which the President imposes sanc-
14 tions under subsection (a) shall be considered an agent
15 or affiliate of the IRGC for purposes of sections 104 and
16 104A of the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Account-
17 ability, and Divestment Act of 2010 (22 U.S.C. 8513 and
18 8513b).

19 (e) ADDITIONAL MEASURES.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall require
21 each covered person to provide a certification to the
22 President that the person does not conduct trans-
23 actions with any person that provides, directly or in-
24 directly, goods, services, technology, or financial
25 services, including the sale or provision of aircraft or

1 aircraft parts, fuel, ramp assistance, baggage or
2 cargo handling, catering, refueling, ticketing, check-
3 in services, crew handling, or other services related
4 to flight operations—

5 (A) to Mahan Air or its agents or affili-
6 ates;

7 (B) for aircraft owned or operated by
8 Mahan Air or its agents or affiliates; or

9 (C) to a person described in section
10 105(a).

11 (2) COVERED PERSON DEFINED.—In this sub-
12 section, the term “covered person” means—

13 (A) an air carrier or foreign air carrier, as
14 those terms are defined in section 40102 of title
15 49, United States Code; or

16 (B) a United States person that exports
17 aircraft or components for aircraft.

18 (f) REPORTS REQUIRED.—

19 (1) DNI LIST.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days
21 after the date of the enactment of the Act, and
22 annually thereafter, the Director of National
23 Intelligence, in consultation with the Secretary
24 of the Treasury, shall submit to Congress a list
25 of each person described in subsection (e).

1 (B) FORM OF LIST.—Each list required by
2 subparagraph (A) shall be submitted in unclas-
3 sified form, but may include a classified annex
4 if necessary.

5 (2) REPORT.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days
7 after the date of the enactment of the Act, and
8 annually thereafter, the President shall submit
9 to Congress a report that includes—

10 (i) a list of countries where aircraft of
11 Mahan Air or its agents or affiliates land;

12 (ii) a description of the efforts of the
13 President to encourage countries to pro-
14 hibit aircraft of Mahan Air or its agents or
15 affiliates from landing in the territory of
16 those countries; and

17 (iii) if the President has not imposed
18 sanctions under section 105(a) with re-
19 spect to any person described in subsection
20 (e), an explanation for why the President
21 has not imposed such sanctions.

22 (B) FORM OF REPORT.—Each report re-
23 quired by subparagraph (A) shall be submitted
24 in unclassified form, but may include a classi-
25 fied annex if necessary.

1 (3) GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE RE-
2 PORT.—

3 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller Gen-
4 eral of the United States shall—

5 (i) conduct a review of the certifi-
6 cations required by subsection (a), the lists
7 required by paragraph (1), and the reports
8 required by paragraph (2); and

9 (ii) not later than 180 days after the
10 submission of each list required by para-
11 graph (1) and each report required by
12 paragraph (2), submit to Congress a re-
13 port on the review conducted under clause
14 (i).

15 (B) CONSULTATIONS.—In preparing the
16 report required by subparagraph (A)(ii), the
17 Comptroller General shall consult with non-
18 governmental organizations.

1 **SEC. 105. MODIFICATION AND EXTENSION OF REPORTING**
2 **REQUIREMENTS ON THE USE OF CERTAIN**
3 **IRANIAN SEAPORTS BY FOREIGN VESSELS**
4 **AND USE OF FOREIGN AIRPORTS BY SANC-**
5 **TIONED IRANIAN AIR CARRIERS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1252(a) of the Iran Free-
7 dom and Counter-Proliferation Act of 2012 (22 U.S.C.
8 8808(a)) is amended—

9 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
10 striking “2016” and inserting “2019”;

11 (2) in paragraph (1), by striking “and” at the
12 end;

13 (3) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at
14 the end and inserting “; and”; and

15 (4) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(3) a description of all efforts the Department
17 of State has made to encourage other countries to
18 prohibit the use of air space and airports by Iranian
19 air carriers described in paragraph (2) during the
20 period specified in subsection (b).”.

21 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
22 subsection (a) take effect on the date of the enactment
23 of this Act and apply with respect to reports required to
24 be submitted under section 1252(a) of the Iran Freedom
25 and Counter-Proliferation Act of 2012 on or after such
26 date of enactment.

1 **TITLE II—IRAN BALLISTIC**
2 **MISSILE SANCTIONS**

3 **SEC. 201. EXPANSION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO EF-**
4 **FORTS BY IRAN TO ACQUIRE BALLISTIC MIS-**
5 **SILE AND RELATED TECHNOLOGY.**

6 (a) CERTAIN PERSONS.—Section 1604(a) of the
7 Iran-Iraq Arms Non-Proliferation Act of 1992 (Public
8 Law 102–484; 50 U.S.C. 1701 note) is amended by insert-
9 ing “, to acquire ballistic missile or related technology,”
10 after “nuclear weapons”.

11 (b) FOREIGN COUNTRIES.—Section 1605(a) of the
12 Iran-Iraq Arms Non-Proliferation Act of 1992 (Public
13 Law 102–484; 50 U.S.C. 1701 note) is amended, in the
14 matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting “, to acquire
15 ballistic missile or related technology,” after “nuclear
16 weapons”.

17 **SEC. 202. EXPANSION OF SANCTIONS UNDER IRAN SANC-**
18 **TIONS ACT OF 1996 WITH RESPECT TO PER-**
19 **SONS THAT ACQUIRE OR DEVELOP BAL-**
20 **LISTIC MISSILES.**

21 Section 5(b)(1)(B) of the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996
22 (Public Law 104–172; 50 U.S.C. 1701 note) is amend-
23 ed—

24 (1) in clause (i), by striking “would likely” and
25 inserting “may”; and

1 (2) in clause (ii)—

2 (A) in subclause (I), by striking “; or” and
3 inserting a semicolon;

4 (B) by redesignating subclause (II) as sub-
5 clause (III); and

6 (C) by inserting after subclause (I) the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “(II) acquire or develop ballistic
9 missiles and the capability to launch
10 ballistic missiles; or”.

11 **SEC. 203. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO**
12 **BALLISTIC MISSILE PROGRAM OF IRAN.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title II of the Iran Threat Reduc-
14 tion and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 (22 U.S.C.
15 8721 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
16 lowing:

17 **“Subtitle C—Measures Relating to**
18 **Ballistic Missile Program of Iran**

19 **“SEC. 231. DEFINITIONS.**

20 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In this subtitle:

21 “(1) AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY.—The term
22 ‘agricultural commodity’ has the meaning given that
23 term in section 102 of the Agricultural Trade Act of
24 1978 (7 U.S.C. 5602).

1 “(2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
2 TEES.—The term ‘appropriate congressional com-
3 mittees’ means the committees specified in section
4 14(2) of the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 (Public
5 Law 104–172; 50 U.S.C. 1701 note).

6 “(3) CORRESPONDENT ACCOUNT; PAYABLE-
7 THROUGH ACCOUNT.—The terms ‘correspondent ac-
8 count’ and ‘payable-through account’ have the mean-
9 ings given those terms in section 5318A of title 31,
10 United States Code.

11 “(4) FOREIGN FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.—The
12 term ‘foreign financial institution’ has the meaning
13 of that term as determined by the Secretary of the
14 Treasury pursuant to section 104(i) of the Com-
15 prehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Di-
16 vestment Act of 2010 (22 U.S.C. 8513(i)).

17 “(5) GOVERNMENT.—The term ‘Government’,
18 with respect to a foreign country, includes any agen-
19 cies or instrumentalities of that Government and any
20 entities controlled by that Government.

21 “(6) MEDICAL DEVICE.—The term ‘medical de-
22 vice’ has the meaning given the term ‘device’ in sec-
23 tion 201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic
24 Act (21 U.S.C. 321).

1 “(7) MEDICINE.—The term ‘medicine’ has the
2 meaning given the term ‘drug’ in section 201 of the
3 Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.
4 321).

5 “(b) DETERMINATIONS OF SIGNIFICANCE.—For pur-
6 poses of this subtitle, in determining if financial trans-
7 actions or financial services are significant, the President
8 may consider the totality of the facts and circumstances,
9 including factors similar to the factors set forth in section
10 561.404 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations (or any
11 corresponding similar regulation or ruling).

12 **“SEC. 232. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO**
13 **PERSONS THAT SUPPORT THE BALLISTIC**
14 **MISSILE PROGRAM OF IRAN.**

15 “(a) IDENTIFICATION OF PERSONS.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days
17 after the date of the enactment of the Iran Account-
18 ability Act of 2016, and not less frequently than
19 once every 180 days thereafter, the President shall
20 submit to the appropriate congressional committees
21 a report identifying persons that have provided ma-
22 terial support to the Government of Iran in the de-
23 velopment of the ballistic missile program of Iran.

24 “(2) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by
25 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

1 “(A) An identification of persons
2 (disaggregated by Iranian and non-Iranian per-
3 sons) with respect to which there is credible evi-
4 dence that such persons have provided material
5 support to the Government of Iran in the devel-
6 opment of the ballistic missile program of Iran,
7 including persons that have—

8 “(i) engaged in the direct or indirect
9 provision of material support to such pro-
10 gram;

11 “(ii) facilitated, supported, or engaged
12 in activities to further the development of
13 such program;

14 “(iii) transmitted information relating
15 to ballistic missiles to the Government of
16 Iran; or

17 “(iv) otherwise aided such program.

18 “(B) A description of the character and
19 significance of the cooperation of each person
20 identified under subparagraph (A) with the
21 Government of Iran with respect to such pro-
22 gram.

23 “(C) An assessment of the cooperation of
24 the Government of the Democratic People’s Re-

1 public of Korea with the Government of Iran
2 with respect to such program.

3 “(3) CLASSIFIED ANNEX.—Each report re-
4 quired by paragraph (1) shall be submitted in un-
5 classified form, but may contain a classified annex.

6 “(b) BLOCKING OF PROPERTY.—Not later than 15
7 days after submitting a report required by subsection
8 (a)(1), the President shall, in accordance with the Inter-
9 national Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C.
10 1701 et seq.), block and prohibit all transactions in all
11 property and interests in property of any person specified
12 in such report that engages in activities described in sub-
13 section (a) if such property and interests in property are
14 in the United States, come within the United States, or
15 are or come within the possession or control of a United
16 States person.

17 “(c) EXCLUSION FROM UNITED STATES .—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
19 graph (2), the Secretary of State shall deny a visa
20 to, and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall ex-
21 clude from the United States, any alien subject to
22 blocking of property and interests in property under
23 subsection (b).

24 “(2) COMPLIANCE WITH UNITED NATIONS
25 HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT.—Paragraph (1) shall

1 not apply to the head of state of Iran, or necessary
2 staff of that head of state, if admission to the
3 United States is necessary to permit the United
4 States to comply with the Agreement regarding the
5 Headquarters of the United Nations, signed at Lake
6 Success June 26, 1947, and entered into force No-
7 vember 21, 1947, between the United Nations and
8 the United States.

9 “(d) FACILITATION OF CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS.—
10 The President shall prohibit the opening, and prohibit or
11 impose strict conditions on the maintaining, in the United
12 States of a correspondent account or a payable-through
13 account by a foreign financial institution that the Presi-
14 dent determines knowingly, on or after the date that is
15 180 days after the date of the enactment of the Iran Ac-
16 countability Act of 2016, conducts or facilitates a signifi-
17 cant financial transaction for a person subject to blocking
18 of property and interests in property under subsection (b).

19 **“SEC. 233. BLOCKING OF PROPERTY OF PERSONS AFFILI-**
20 **ATED WITH CERTAIN IRANIAN ENTITIES.**

21 “(a) BLOCKING OF PROPERTY.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall, in ac-
23 cordance with the International Emergency Eco-
24 nomic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), block
25 and prohibit all transactions in all property and in-

1 terests in property of any person described in para-
2 graph (2) if such property and interests in property
3 are in the United States, come within the United
4 States, or are or come within the possession or con-
5 trol of a United States person.

6 “(2) PERSONS DESCRIBED.—A person de-
7 scribed in this paragraph is—

8 “(A) an entity that is owned or con-
9 trolled—

10 “(i) by the Aerospace Industries Or-
11 ganization, the Shahid Hemmat Industrial
12 Group, the Shahid Bakeri Industrial
13 Group, or any agent or affiliate of such or-
14 ganization or group; or

15 “(ii) collectively by a group of individ-
16 uals that hold an interest in the Aerospace
17 Industries Organization, the Shahid
18 Hemmat Industrial Group, the Shahid
19 Bakeri Industrial Group, or any agent or
20 affiliate of such organization or group,
21 even if none of those individuals hold a 25
22 percent or greater interest in the entity; or

23 “(B) a person that owns or controls an en-
24 tity described in subparagraph (A).

1 “(b) FACILITATION OF CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS.—
2 The President shall prohibit the opening, and prohibit or
3 impose strict conditions on the maintaining, in the United
4 States of a correspondent account or a payable-through
5 account by a foreign financial institution that the Presi-
6 dent determines knowingly, on or after the date that is
7 180 days after the date of the enactment of the Iran Ac-
8 countability Act of 2016, conducts or facilitates a signifi-
9 cant financial transaction for a person subject to blocking
10 of property and interests in property under subsection (a).

11 “(c) IRAN MISSILE PROLIFERATION WATCH LIST.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days
13 after the date of the enactment of the Iran Account-
14 ability Act of 2016, and not less frequently than an-
15 nually thereafter, the Secretary of the Treasury shall
16 submit to the appropriate congressional committees
17 and publish in the Federal Register a list of—

18 “(A) each entity in which the Aerospace
19 Industries Organization, the Shahid Hemmat
20 Industrial Group, the Shahid Bakeri Industrial
21 Group, or any agent or affiliate of such organi-
22 zation or group has an ownership interest of
23 more than 0 percent and less than 25 percent;

24 “(B) each entity in which the Aerospace
25 Industries Organization, the Shahid Hemmat

1 Industrial Group, the Shahid Bakeri Industrial
2 Group, or any agent or affiliate of such organi-
3 zation or group does not have an ownership in-
4 terest but maintains a presence on the board of
5 directors of the entity or otherwise influences
6 the actions, policies, or personnel decisions of
7 the entity; and

8 “(C) each person that owns or controls an
9 entity described in subparagraph (A) or (B).

10 “(2) REFERENCE.—The list required by para-
11 graph (1) may be referred to as the ‘Iran Missile
12 Proliferation Watch List’.

13 “(d) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of
15 the United States shall—

16 “(A) conduct a review of each list required
17 by subsection (c)(1); and

18 “(B) not later than 180 days after each
19 such list is submitted to the appropriate con-
20 gressional committees under that subsection,
21 submit to the appropriate congressional com-
22 mittees a report on the review conducted under
23 subparagraph (A) that includes a list of persons
24 not included in that list that qualify for inclu-

1 sion in that list, as determined by the Comp-
2 troller General.

3 “(2) CONSULTATIONS.—In preparing the report
4 required by paragraph (1)(B), the Comptroller Gen-
5 eral shall consult with nongovernmental organiza-
6 tions.

7 **“SEC. 234. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO**
8 **CERTAIN PERSONS INVOLVED IN BALLISTIC**
9 **MISSILE ACTIVITIES.**

10 “(a) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 120 days after
11 the date of the enactment of the Iran Accountability Act
12 of 2016, and not less frequently than once every 180 days
13 thereafter, the President shall submit to the appropriate
14 congressional committees a certification that each person
15 listed in an annex of United Nations Security Council Res-
16 olution 1737 (2006), 1747 (2007), or 1929 (2010) is not
17 directly or indirectly facilitating, supporting, or involved
18 with the development of or transfer to Iran of ballistic mis-
19 siles or technology, parts, components, or technology infor-
20 mation relating to ballistic missiles.

21 “(b) BLOCKING OF PROPERTY.—If the President is
22 unable to make a certification under subsection (a) with
23 respect to a person and the person is not currently subject
24 to sanctions with respect to Iran under any other provision
25 of law, the President shall, not later than 15 days after

1 that certification would have been required under that
2 subsection—

3 “(1) in accordance with the International
4 Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701
5 et seq.), block and prohibit all transactions in all
6 property and interests in property of that person if
7 such property and interests in property are in the
8 United States, come within the United States, or are
9 or come within the possession or control of a United
10 States person; and

11 “(2) publish in the Federal Register a report
12 describing the reason why the President was unable
13 to make a certification with respect to that person.

14 “(c) EXCLUSION FROM UNITED STATES .—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
16 graph (2), the Secretary of State shall deny a visa
17 to, and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall ex-
18 clude from the United States, any alien subject to
19 blocking of property and interests in property under
20 subsection (b).

21 “(2) COMPLIANCE WITH UNITED NATIONS
22 HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT.—Paragraph (1) shall
23 not apply to the head of state of Iran, or necessary
24 staff of that head of state, if admission to the
25 United States is necessary to permit the United

1 States to comply with the Agreement regarding the
2 Headquarters of the United Nations, signed at Lake
3 Success June 26, 1947, and entered into force No-
4 vember 21, 1947, between the United Nations and
5 the United States.

6 “(d) FACILITATION OF CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS.—
7 The President shall prohibit the opening, and prohibit or
8 impose strict conditions on the maintaining, in the United
9 States of a correspondent account or a payable-through
10 account by a foreign financial institution that the Presi-
11 dent determines knowingly, on or after the date that is
12 180 days after the date of the enactment of the Iran Ac-
13 countability Act of 2016, conducts or facilitates a signifi-
14 cant financial transaction for a person subject to blocking
15 of property and interests in property under subsection (b).

16 **“SEC. 235. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO**
17 **CERTAIN SECTORS OF IRAN THAT SUPPORT**
18 **THE BALLISTIC MISSILE PROGRAM OF IRAN.**

19 “(a) LIST OF SECTORS.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days
21 after the date of the enactment of the Iran Account-
22 ability Act of 2016, and not less frequently than
23 once every 180 days thereafter, the President shall
24 submit to the appropriate congressional committees
25 and publish in the Federal Register a list of the sec-

1 tors of the economy of Iran that are directly or indi-
2 rectly facilitating, supporting, or involved with the
3 development of or transfer to Iran of ballistic mis-
4 siles or technology, parts, components, or technology
5 information relating to ballistic missiles.

6 “(2) CERTAIN SECTORS.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120
8 days after the date of enactment of the Iran
9 Accountability Act of 2016, the President shall
10 submit to the appropriate congressional com-
11 mittees a determination as to whether each of
12 the chemical, computer science, construction,
13 electronic, metallurgy, mining, research (includ-
14 ing universities and research institutions), and
15 telecommunications sectors of Iran meet the
16 criteria specified in paragraph (1).

17 “(B) INCLUSION IN INITIAL LIST.—If the
18 President determines under subparagraph (A)
19 that the sectors of the economy of Iran speci-
20 fied in such subparagraph meet the criteria
21 specified in paragraph (1), that sector shall be
22 included in the initial list submitted and pub-
23 lished under that paragraph.

24 “(b) SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO SPECIFIED SEC-
25 TORS OF IRAN.—

1 “(1) BLOCKING OF PROPERTY.—The President
2 shall, in accordance with the International Emer-
3 gency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et
4 seq.), block and prohibit all transactions in all prop-
5 erty and interests in property of any person de-
6 scribed in paragraph (4) if such property and inter-
7 ests in property are in the United States, come with-
8 in the United States, or are or come within the pos-
9 session or control of a United States person.

10 “(2) EXCLUSION FROM UNITED STATES.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
12 subparagraph (B), the Secretary of State shall
13 deny a visa to, and the Secretary of Homeland
14 Security shall exclude from the United States,
15 any alien that is a person described in para-
16 graph (4).

17 “(B) COMPLIANCE WITH UNITED NATIONS
18 HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT.—Subparagraph
19 (A) shall not apply to the head of state of Iran,
20 or necessary staff of that head of state, if ad-
21 mission to the United States is necessary to
22 permit the United States to comply with the
23 Agreement regarding the Headquarters of the
24 United Nations, signed at Lake Success June
25 26, 1947, and entered into force November 21,

1 1947, between the United Nations and the
2 United States.

3 “(3) FACILITATION OF CERTAIN TRANS-
4 ACTIONS.—Except as provided in this section, the
5 President shall prohibit the opening, and prohibit or
6 impose strict conditions on the maintaining, in the
7 United States of a correspondent account or a pay-
8 able-through account by a foreign financial institu-
9 tion that the President determines knowingly, on or
10 after the date that is 180 days after the date of the
11 enactment of the Iran Accountability Act of 2016,
12 conducts or facilitates a significant financial trans-
13 action for a person described in paragraph (4).

14 “(4) PERSONS DESCRIBED.—A person is de-
15 scribed in this paragraph if the President determines
16 that the person, on or after the date that is 180
17 days after the date of the enactment of the Iran Ac-
18 countability Act of 2016—

19 “(A) operates in a sector of the economy
20 of Iran included in the most recent list pub-
21 lished by the President under subsection (a);

22 “(B) knowingly provides significant finan-
23 cial, material, technological, or other support to,
24 or goods or services in support of, any activity

1 or transaction on behalf of or for the benefit of
2 a person described in subparagraph (A); or

3 “(C) is owned or controlled by a person de-
4 scribed in subparagraph (A).

5 “(c) HUMANITARIAN EXCEPTION.—The President
6 may not impose sanctions under this section with respect
7 to any person for conducting or facilitating a transaction
8 for the sale of agricultural commodities, food, medicine,
9 or medical devices to Iran or for the provision of humani-
10 tarian assistance to the people of Iran.

11 **“SEC. 236. IDENTIFICATION OF FOREIGN PERSONS THAT**
12 **SUPPORT THE BALLISTIC MISSILE PROGRAM**
13 **OF IRAN IN CERTAIN SECTORS OF IRAN.**

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after
15 the date of the enactment of the Iran Accountability Act
16 of 2016, and not less frequently than annually thereafter,
17 the President shall submit to the appropriate congres-
18 sional committees and publish in the Federal Register a
19 list of all foreign persons that have, based on credible in-
20 formation, directly or indirectly facilitated, supported, or
21 been involved with the development of ballistic missiles or
22 technology, parts, components, or technology information
23 related to ballistic missiles in the following sectors of the
24 economy of Iran during the period specified in subsection
25 (b):

1 “(1) Chemical.

2 “(2) Computer Science.

3 “(3) Construction.

4 “(4) Electronic.

5 “(5) Metallurgy.

6 “(6) Mining.

7 “(7) Petrochemical.

8 “(8) Research (including universities and re-
9 search institutions).

10 “(9) Telecommunications.

11 “(10) Any other sector of the economy of Iran
12 identified under section 235(a).

13 “(b) PERIOD SPECIFIED.—The period specified in
14 this subsection is—

15 “(1) with respect to the first list submitted
16 under subsection (a), the period beginning on the
17 date of the enactment of the Iran Accountability Act
18 of 2016 and ending on the date that is 120 days
19 after such date of enactment; and

20 “(2) with respect to each subsequent list sub-
21 mitted under such subsection, the one year period
22 preceding the submission of the list.

23 “(c) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to each list
25 submitted under subsection (a), not later than 120

1 days after the list is submitted under that sub-
2 section, the Comptroller General of the United
3 States shall submit to the appropriate congressional
4 committees—

5 “(A) an assessment of the processes fol-
6 lowed by the President in preparing the list;

7 “(B) an assessment of the foreign persons
8 included in the list; and

9 “(C) a list of persons not included in the
10 list that qualify for inclusion in the list, as de-
11 termined by the Comptroller General.

12 “(2) CONSULTATIONS.—In preparing the report
13 required by paragraph (1), the Comptroller General
14 shall consult with nongovernmental organizations.

15 “(d) CREDIBLE INFORMATION DEFINED.—In this
16 section, the term ‘credible information’ has the meaning
17 given that term in section 14 of the Iran Sanctions Act
18 of 1996 (Public Law 104–172; 50 U.S.C. 1701 note).

19 **“Subtitle D—General Provisions**

20 **“SEC. 241. DEFINITIONS.**

21 “In this title:

22 “(1) ENTITY.—The term ‘entity’ means any
23 corporation, business association, partnership, trust,
24 society, or any other entity.

1 “(2) FOREIGN PERSON.—The term ‘foreign per-
2 son’ means a person that is not a United States per-
3 son.

4 “(3) OWN OR CONTROL.—The term ‘own or
5 control’ means, with respect to an entity—

6 “(A) to hold more than 25 percent of the
7 equity interest by vote or value in the entity;

8 “(B) to hold any seats on the board of di-
9 rectors of the entity; or

10 “(C) to otherwise control the actions, poli-
11 cies, or personnel decisions of the entity.

12 “(4) PERSON.—The term ‘person’ means an in-
13 dividual or entity.

14 “(5) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term
15 ‘United States person’ means—

16 “(A) a United States citizen or an alien
17 lawfully admitted for permanent residence to
18 the United States; or

19 “(B) an entity organized under the laws of
20 the United States or of any jurisdiction within
21 the United States, including a foreign branch of
22 such an entity.”.

23 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
24 for the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights

1 Act of 2012 is amended by inserting after the item relat-
2 ing to section 224 the following:

“Subtitle C—Measures Relating to Ballistic Missile Program of Iran

“Sec. 231. Definitions.

“Sec. 232. Imposition of sanctions with respect to persons that support the bal-
listic missile program of Iran.

“Sec. 233. Blocking of property of persons affiliated with certain Iranian enti-
ties.

“Sec. 234. Imposition of sanctions with respect to certain persons involved in
ballistic missile activities.

“Sec. 235. Imposition of sanctions with respect to certain sectors of Iran that
support the ballistic missile program of Iran.

“Sec. 236. Identification of foreign persons that support the ballistic missile
program of Iran in certain sectors of Iran.

“Subtitle D—General Provisions

“Sec. 241. Definitions.”.

3 **SEC. 204. EXPANSION OF MANDATORY SANCTIONS WITH**
4 **RESPECT TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS THAT**
5 **ENGAGE IN CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS RELAT-**
6 **ING TO BALLISTIC MISSILE CAPABILITIES OF**
7 **IRAN.**

8 Section 104 of the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions,
9 Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2010 (22 U.S.C.
10 8513) is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (c)(2)—

12 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

13 (i) in clause (i), by striking “; or” and
14 inserting a semicolon;

15 (ii) by redesignating clause (ii) as
16 clause (iii); and

17 (iii) by inserting after clause (i) the
18 following:

1 “(ii) to acquire or develop ballistic
2 missiles and capabilities and launch tech-
3 nology relating to ballistic missiles; or”;
4 and

5 (B) in subparagraph (E)(ii)—

6 (i) in subclause (I), by striking “; or”
7 and inserting a semicolon;

8 (ii) by redesignating subclause (II) as
9 subclause (III); and

10 (iii) by inserting after subclause (I)
11 the following:

12 “(II) Iran’s development of bal-
13 listic missiles and capabilities and
14 launch technology relating to ballistic
15 missiles; or”; and

16 (2) in subsection (f)—

17 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and
18 (2) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively,
19 and moving those subparagraphs, as so redesign-
20 ated, two ems to the right;

21 (B) by striking “WAIVER.—The” and in-
22 serting “WAIVER.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
24 graph (2), the”; and

25 (C) by adding at the end the following:

1 (1)(D)” and inserting “section 235 of the Iran Threat Re-
2 duction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012, an Execu-
3 tive order specified in clause (i) or (ii) of paragraph
4 (1)(E)”.

5 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 13(r)(5) of
6 the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is amended, in the
7 matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “subpara-
8 graph (D)(iii)” and inserting “subparagraph (E)(iii)”.

9 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
10 this section shall take effect with respect to reports re-
11 quired to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Com-
12 mission after the date that is 180 days after the date of
13 the enactment of this Act.

14 **SEC. 206. REGULATIONS.**

15 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
16 ment of this Act, the President shall prescribe regulations
17 to carry out this title and the amendments made by this
18 title.

1 **TITLE III—SANCTIONS RELAT-**
2 **ING TO IRAN’S SUPPORT OF**
3 **TERRORISM**

4 **SEC. 301. SPECIAL MEASURES WITH RESPECT TO IRAN RE-**
5 **LATING TO ITS DESIGNATION AS A JURISDIC-**
6 **TION OF PRIMARY MONEY LAUNDERING CON-**
7 **CERN.**

8 (a) PROHIBITION ON DIRECT USE OF COR-
9 RESPONDENT ACCOUNTS.—A covered financial institution
10 shall terminate any correspondent account that—

11 (1) is established, maintained, administered, or
12 managed in the United States for, or on behalf of,
13 an Iranian banking institution; and

14 (2) is not blocked under any Executive Order
15 issued pursuant to the International Emergency
16 Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.).

17 (b) SPECIAL DUE DILIGENCE MEASURES FOR COR-
18 RESPONDENT ACCOUNTS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—A covered financial institu-
20 tion shall apply special due diligence measures to
21 correspondent accounts of the financial institution
22 that are reasonably designed to guard against the
23 improper indirect use of such accounts by Iranian
24 banking institutions.

1 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—The special due diligence
2 measures a covered financial institution is required
3 to apply to correspondent accounts under paragraph
4 (1) shall include, at a minimum—

5 (A) notifying the holders of such accounts
6 that the covered financial institution knows or
7 has reason to know provide services to Iranian
8 banking institutions, that such holders generally
9 may not provide Iranian banking institutions
10 with access to such accounts; and

11 (B) taking reasonable steps to identify any
12 indirect use of such accounts by Iranian bank-
13 ing institutions, to the extent that such indirect
14 use can be determined from transactional
15 records maintained by the covered financial in-
16 stitution in the normal course of business.

17 (3) RISK-BASED APPROACH.—A covered finan-
18 cial institution shall take a risk-based approach
19 when deciding what, if any, other due diligence
20 measures the financial institution should adopt to
21 guard against the improper indirect use of its cor-
22 respondent accounts by Iranian banking institutions.

23 (4) RESPONSE TO INDIRECT ACCESS BY IRA-
24 NIAN BANKING INSTITUTIONS.—A covered financial
25 institution that obtains credible information that a

1 correspondent account is being used by a foreign
2 bank to provide indirect access to an Iranian bank-
3 ing institution, shall—

4 (A) take all appropriate steps to prevent
5 such indirect access, including notifying the
6 holder of the account under paragraph (1)(A);
7 and

8 (B) where necessary, terminate the ac-
9 count.

10 (c) RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—A covered financial institu-
12 tion shall document its compliance with the notice
13 requirement set forth in subsection (b)(2)(A).

14 (2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this
15 section shall require a covered financial institution
16 to report any information not otherwise required to
17 be reported by law or regulation.

18 (d) TERMINATION.—This section shall terminate on
19 the date that is 30 days after the date on which the Presi-
20 dent submits to Congress—

21 (1) the certification described in section 401(a)
22 of the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Account-
23 ability, and Divestment Act of 2010 (22 U.S.C.
24 8551(a)); and

1 (2) a certification that the Financial Action
2 Task Force has lifted its call for countermeasures
3 against Iran and Iran has become a member of a re-
4 gional body of the Financial Action Task Force.

5 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) CORRESPONDENT ACCOUNT.—The term
7 “correspondent account” has the meaning given that
8 term in section 1010.605 of title 31, Code of Fed-
9 eral Regulations (as in effect on the day before the
10 date of the enactment of this Act).

11 (2) COVERED FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.—The
12 term “covered financial institution” has the meaning
13 given that term under paragraphs (1) and (2) of
14 section 1010.605(e) of title 31, Code of Federal
15 Regulations (as in effect on the day before the date
16 of the enactment of this Act).

17 (3) FOREIGN BANK.—The term “foreign bank”
18 has the meaning given that term in section
19 1010.100(u) of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations
20 (as in effect on the day before the date of the enact-
21 ment of this Act).

22 (4) IRANIAN BANKING INSTITUTION.—The term
23 “Iranian banking institution” means—

24 (A) any foreign bank chartered by Iran, in-
25 cluding—

1 (i) any branches, offices, or subsidi-
2 aries of such a bank operating in any juris-
3 diction; and

4 (ii) any branch or office within Iran of
5 any foreign bank licensed by Iran;

6 (B) the Central Bank of Iran; and

7 (C) any foreign bank of which more than
8 50 percent of the voting stock or analogous in-
9 terest is owned by 2 or more foreign banks
10 chartered by Iran.

11 **TITLE IV—SANCTIONS RELATING**
12 **TO HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES**
13 **IN IRAN**

14 **SEC. 401. EXPANSION OF LIST OF PERSONS INVOLVED IN**
15 **HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN IRAN.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 105 of the Comprehensive
17 Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of
18 2010 (22 U.S.C. 8514) is amended—

19 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**CER-**
20 **TAIN PERSONS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR**
21 **OR COMPLICIT**” and inserting “**PERSONS IN-**
22 **VOLVED**”;

23 (2) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
2 “WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OR COMPLICIT”
3 and inserting “INVOLVED”;

4 (B) by striking paragraph (1) and insert-
5 ing the following:

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days
7 after the date of the enactment of the Iran Account-
8 ability Act of 2016, the President shall submit to
9 the appropriate congressional committees a list of
10 persons the President determines have committed or
11 facilitated, directly or indirectly, human rights
12 abuses or other acts of violence, intimidation, or har-
13 assment, on behalf of the Government of Iran on or
14 after June 12, 2009, regardless of whether such
15 abuses or acts occurred in Iran.”; and

16 (C) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “this
17 Act” and inserting “the Iran Accountability Act
18 of 2016”; and

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

20 “(e) INCLUSION OF ACTIONS THAT VIOLATE UNI-
21 VERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.—For pur-
22 poses of subsection (b)(1), the term ‘human rights abuses’
23 includes actions that violate the rights listed in the United
24 Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted
25 at Paris December 10, 1948.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
2 for the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and
3 Divestment Act of 2010 is amended by striking the item
4 relating to section 105 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 105. Imposition of sanctions on persons involved in human rights abuses
committed against citizens of Iran or their family members
after the June 12, 2009, elections in Iran.”.

5 **SEC. 402. IDENTIFICATION OF, AND IMPOSITION OF SANC-**
6 **TIONS WITH RESPECT TO, CERTAIN IRANIAN**
7 **INDIVIDUALS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 221 of the Iran Threat
9 Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 (22
10 U.S.C. 8727) is amended to read as follows:

11 **“SEC. 221. IDENTIFICATION OF, AND IMPOSITION OF SANC-**
12 **TIONS WITH RESPECT TO, CERTAIN IRANIAN**
13 **INDIVIDUALS.**

14 “(a) IDENTIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALS.—Not later
15 than 90 days after the date of the enactment of the Iran
16 Accountability Act of 2016, and every 180 days thereafter,
17 the President shall submit to the appropriate congres-
18 sional committees and publish in the Federal Register a
19 list of all individuals the President determines are de-
20 scribed in subsection (b).

21 “(b) INDIVIDUALS DESCRIBED.—An individual de-
22 scribed in this subsection is—

23 “(1) the Supreme Leader of Iran;

24 “(2) the President of Iran;

- 1 “(3) a current or former key official, manager,
2 or director of an entity that is owned or controlled
3 after November 14, 1979, by—
- 4 “(A) the Supreme Leader of Iran;
5 “(B) the Office of the Supreme Leader of
6 Iran;
7 “(C) the President of Iran;
8 “(D) the Office of the President of Iran;
9 “(E) Iran’s Revolutionary Guard Corps;
10 “(F) the Basij-e Motaz’afin;
11 “(G) the Guardian Council;
12 “(H) the Ministry of Intelligence and Se-
13 curity of Iran;
14 “(I) the Atomic Energy Organization of
15 Iran;
16 “(J) the Islamic Consultative Assembly of
17 Iran;
18 “(K) the Assembly of Experts of Iran;
19 “(L) the Ministry of Defense and Armed
20 Forces Logistics of Iran;
21 “(M) the Ministry of Justice of Iran;
22 “(N) the Ministry of Interior of Iran;
23 “(O) the prison system of Iran;
24 “(P) the judicial system of Iran, including
25 the Islamic Revolutionary Courts; or

1 “(Q) any citizen of Iran included on the
2 list of specially designated nationals and
3 blocked persons maintained by the Office of
4 Foreign Assets Control of the Department of
5 the Treasury;

6 “(4) a citizen of Iran indicted in a foreign coun-
7 try for, or otherwise suspected of, participation in a
8 terrorist attack;

9 “(5) a person that ordered, controlled, directed,
10 or was otherwise complicit in the kidnaping or politi-
11 cally-motivated detention of a United States citizen,
12 including a United States citizen who is also a cit-
13 izen of another country; or

14 “(6) a significant foreign political figure associ-
15 ated with an individual described in any of para-
16 graphs (1) through (5) who is not a United States
17 person.

18 “(c) EXCLUSION FROM UNITED STATES.—Except as
19 provided in subsection (f), the Secretary of State shall
20 deny a visa to, and the Secretary of Homeland Security
21 shall exclude from the United States, any alien who is on
22 the list required by subsection (a).

23 “(d) BLOCKING OF PROPERTY.—Except as provided
24 in subsection (f), the President shall, in accordance with
25 the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50

1 U.S. C. 1701 et seq.), block and prohibit all transactions
2 in all property and interests in property of any individual
3 who is on the list required by subsection (a) if such prop-
4 erty and interests in property are in the United States,
5 come within the United States, or are or come within the
6 possession or control of a United States person.

7 “(e) REPORT.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days
9 after the date of the enactment of the Iran Account-
10 ability Act of 2016, and every 90 days thereafter,
11 the President shall submit to the appropriate con-
12 gressional committees a report that describes the ef-
13 forts the President has taken during the 90 days
14 preceding the submission of the report to locate and
15 block all property and interests in property of any
16 individual who is on the list required by subsection
17 (a).

18 “(2) FORM OF REPORT.—Each report required
19 by paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified
20 form, but may include a classified annex if nec-
21 essary.

22 “(f) EXCEPTIONS.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The President may not in-
24 clude an individual on the list required by subsection
25 (a) if the President determines that, during the 10-

1 year period preceding the determination, the indi-
2 vidual has not in any way engaged in, facilitated, or
3 otherwise supported—

4 “(A) human rights abuses;

5 “(B) acts of international terrorism; or

6 “(C) the proliferation of weapons of mass
7 destruction.

8 “(2) COMPLIANCE WITH UNITED NATIONS
9 HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT.—Subsection (c) shall
10 not apply to the head of state of Iran, or necessary
11 staff of that head of state, if admission to the
12 United States is necessary to permit the United
13 States to comply with the Agreement regarding the
14 Headquarters of the United Nations, signed at Lake
15 Success June 26, 1947, and entered into force No-
16 vember 21, 1947, between the United Nations and
17 the United States.

18 “(g) WAIVER.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The President may waive
20 the application of subsection (c) or (d) with respect
21 to an individual for a period of 180 days, and may
22 renew that waiver for additional periods of 180 days,
23 if the President—

24 “(A) determines that the waiver is vital to
25 the national security of the United States; and

1 “(B) not less than 7 days before the waiver
2 or the renewal of the waiver, as the case may
3 be, takes effect, submits a report to the appropriate congressional committees on the waiver
4 and the reason for the waiver.
5

6 “(2) FORM OF REPORT.—Each report submitted under paragraph (1)(B) shall be submitted in
7 unclassified form, but may include a classified annex
8 if necessary.
9

10 “(3) SUNSET.—The provisions of this subsection and any waivers issued pursuant to this subsection shall terminate on December 31, 2018.
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13 “(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 “(1) OWN OR CONTROL.—The term ‘own or control’ means, with respect to an entity—
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16 “(A) to hold more than 25 percent of the equity interest by vote or value in the entity;
17

18 “(B) to hold any seats on the board of directors of the entity; or
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20 “(C) to otherwise control the actions, policies, or personnel decisions of the entity.
21

22 “(2) SIGNIFICANT FOREIGN POLITICAL FIGURE.—
23

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘significant foreign political figure’ includes a current or
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1 former senior political figure, the immediate
2 family of such a figure, and close associates of
3 such a figure.

4 “(B) ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS.—For
5 purposes of subparagraph (A):

6 “(i) CLOSE ASSOCIATE.—The term
7 ‘close associate’, with respect to a senior
8 political figure—

9 “(I) means an individual who is
10 widely and publicly known to maintain
11 an unusually close relationship with
12 the senior political figure; and

13 “(II) includes an individual who
14 is in a position to conduct substantial
15 domestic and international financial
16 transactions on behalf of the senior
17 political figure.

18 “(ii) IMMEDIATE FAMILY.—The term
19 ‘immediate family’, with respect to a senior
20 foreign political figure, means the parents,
21 siblings, spouse, children, and in-laws of
22 the senior political figure.

23 “(iii) SENIOR POLITICAL FIGURE.—
24 The term ‘senior political figure’ means a
25 senior official in the executive, legislative,

1 administrative, military, or judicial
2 branches of the Government of Iran
3 (whether elected or not), a senior official of
4 a major political party in Iran, or a senior
5 executive of an entity owned or controlled
6 by the Government of Iran.”.

7 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
8 for the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights
9 Act of 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8701 et seq.) is amended by strik-
10 ing the item relating to section 221 and inserting the fol-
11 lowing:

“Sec. 221. Identification of, and imposition of sanctions with respect to, certain
Iranian individuals.”.

12 **SEC. 403. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO**
13 **PERSONS WHO CONDUCT TRANSACTIONS**
14 **WITH OR ON BEHALF OF CERTAIN IRANIAN**
15 **INDIVIDUALS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle B of title II of the Iran
17 Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012
18 (22 U.S.C. 8721 et seq.) is amended by inserting after
19 section 221 the following:

1 **“SEC. 221A. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO**
2 **PERSONS WHO CONDUCT TRANSACTIONS**
3 **WITH OR ON BEHALF OF CERTAIN IRANIAN**
4 **INDIVIDUALS.**

5 “(a) SALE, SUPPLY, OR TRANSFER OF GOODS AND
6 SERVICES.—The President shall impose 5 or more of the
7 sanctions described in section 6(a) of the Iran Sanctions
8 Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–172; 50 U.S.C. 1701 note)
9 with respect to a person that knowingly, on or after the
10 date that is 120 days after the date of the enactment of
11 the Iran Accountability Act of 2016, sells, supplies, or
12 transfers goods or services to an individual who is on the
13 list required by section 221(a).

14 “(b) FACILITATION OF CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS.—
15 The President shall prohibit the opening, and prohibit or
16 impose strict conditions on the maintaining, in the United
17 States of a correspondent account or a payable-through
18 account by any foreign financial institution that has know-
19 ingly conducted or facilitated a significant financial trans-
20 action on behalf of an individual who is on the list required
21 by section 221(a).

22 “(c) APPLICATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE
23 IRAN SANCTIONS ACT OF 1996.—The following provisions
24 of the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–172;
25 50 U.S.C. 1701 note) shall apply with respect to the im-
26 position of sanctions under subsection (a) to the same extent

1 that such provisions apply with respect to the imposition
2 of sanctions under section 5(a) of the Iran Sanctions Act
3 of 1996:

4 “(1) Subsections (c), (d), and (f) of section 5.

5 “(2) Section 8.

6 “(3) Section 11.

7 “(4) Section 12.

8 “(5) Section 13(b).

9 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

10 “(1) ACCOUNT; CORRESPONDENT ACCOUNT;
11 PAYABLE-THROUGH ACCOUNT.—The terms ‘ac-
12 count’, ‘correspondent account’, and ‘payable-
13 through account’ have the meanings given those
14 terms in section 5318A of title 31, United States
15 Code.

16 “(2) FOREIGN FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.—The
17 term ‘foreign financial institution’ has the meaning
18 given that term in section 561.308 of title 31, Code
19 of Federal Regulations (or any corresponding similar
20 regulation or ruling).”.

21 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
22 for the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights
23 Act of 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8701 et seq.) is amended by in-
24 serting after the item relating to section 221 the following:

“Sec. 221A. Imposition of sanctions with respect to persons who conduct trans-
actions with or on behalf of certain Iranian individuals.”.

1 **SEC. 404. MANDATORY SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO FI-**
2 **NANCIAL INSTITUTIONS THAT ENGAGE IN**
3 **CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS ON BEHALF OF**
4 **PERSONS INVOLVED IN HUMAN RIGHTS**
5 **ABUSES OR THAT EXPORT SENSITIVE TECH-**
6 **NOLOGY TO IRAN.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 104(c)(2) of the Com-
8 prehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment
9 Act of 2010 (22 U.S.C. 8513(c)(2)) is amended—

10 (1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “or” at
11 the end;

12 (2) in subparagraph (E), by striking the period
13 at the end and inserting “; or”; and

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

15 “(F) facilitates a significant transaction or
16 transactions or provides significant financial
17 services for a person that is subject to sanctions
18 under section 105(c), 105A(c), 105B(c), or
19 105C(a);”.

20 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
21 subsection (a) take effect on the date of the enactment
22 of this Act and apply with respect to any activity described
23 in subparagraph (F) of section 104(c)(2) of the Com-
24 prehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment
25 Act of 2010, as added by subsection (a)(3), initiated on

1 or after the date that is 90 days after such date of enact-
2 ment.

3 (c) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 90 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
5 Treasury shall prescribe regulations to carry out the
6 amendments made by subsection (a).

7 **SEC. 405. UNITED STATES SUPPORT FOR THE PEOPLE OF**
8 **IRAN.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle B of title IV of the Iran
10 Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012
11 (22 U.S.C. 8751 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
12 the following:

13 **“SEC. 416. UNITED STATES SUPPORT FOR THE PEOPLE OF**
14 **IRAN.**

15 “(a) POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES.—It is the pol-
16 icy of the United States—

17 “(1) to support the efforts of the people of Iran
18 to promote the establishment of basic freedoms in
19 Iran;

20 “(2) to lay the foundation for the emergence of
21 a freely elected, open, and democratic political sys-
22 tem in Iran that is not a threat to its neighbors or
23 to the United States and to work with all citizens of
24 Iran who seek to establish such a political system;

1 “(3) to support the emergence of a government
2 in Iran that does not oppress the people of Iran and
3 does not persecute, intimidate, arrest, imprison, or
4 execute dissidents or minorities;

5 “(4) to advocate on behalf of those in Iran per-
6 secuted for their religion or belief;

7 “(5) to assist the people of Iran to produce, ac-
8 cess, and share information freely and safely
9 through the Internet and other media; and

10 “(6) to defeat all attempts by the Government
11 of Iran to jam or otherwise obstruct international
12 satellite broadcast signals.

13 “(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
14 gress that—

15 “(1) the United States should support citizens
16 of Iran that actively work to advance political, eco-
17 nomic, and social reforms, including freedom of the
18 press, freedom of assembly, freedom of religion, and
19 representative government;

20 “(2) the President should use all available non-
21 violent means to support citizens of Iran that advo-
22 cate for pluralistic, prosperous, and participatory so-
23 cieties;

1 “(3) programs of the Department of State to
2 support reform in Iran have not resulted in a more
3 democratic Iran;

4 “(4) the Government of Iran continues to play
5 a pernicious role in the Middle East, undermining
6 democratic consolidation in Iraq, supporting inter-
7 national terrorism through Hezbollah, and aiding
8 the autocratic regime of Bashar al-Assad in Syria;

9 “(5) the Secretary of State should make every
10 effort to deliver support directly to people working
11 in Iran to implement programs carried out using as-
12 sistance provided by the Department of State when
13 possible and all possible means of delivering such as-
14 sistance should be used; and

15 “(6) oversight, management, and implementa-
16 tion of programs of the Department of State to sup-
17 port reform in Iran should be under the direction of
18 the Special Coordinator on Human Rights and De-
19 mocracy in Iran established under section 406 of the
20 Iran Accountability Act of 2016, in consultation
21 with the Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy,
22 Human Rights, and Labor.

23 “(c) ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT REFORM IN IRAN.—

24 “(1) ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED.—Notwith-
25 standing any other provision of law, the Secretary of

1 State may provide assistance (including through the
2 award of grants) to individuals and entities working
3 in Iran for the purpose of supporting and promoting
4 the rule of law, good governance, civil society, and
5 economic opportunity in Iran.

6 “(2) ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE.—Assist-
7 ance authorized under this subsection should be pro-
8 vided only to a person that—

9 “(A) officially opposes the use of violence
10 and terrorism and has not been designated as
11 a foreign terrorist organization under section
12 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
13 U.S.C. 1189) at any time during the 4-year pe-
14 riod ending on the date of the enactment of the
15 Iran Accountability Act of 2016;

16 “(B) advocates the adherence by Iran to
17 nonproliferation regimes for nuclear, chemical,
18 and biological weapons and materiel, and bal-
19 listic missiles;

20 “(C) is dedicated to democratic values and
21 supports the adoption of a democratic form of
22 government in Iran;

23 “(D) is dedicated to respect for human
24 rights, including the fundamental equality of
25 women; and

1 “(E) supports freedom of the press, free-
2 dom of speech, freedom of association, and free-
3 dom of religion.

4 “(3) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—Not later
5 than 15 days before each obligation of assistance
6 under this subsection, the Secretary of State shall
7 notify the Committee on Foreign Relations and the
8 Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the
9 Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on
10 Appropriations of the House of Representatives in
11 accordance with the procedures applicable to re-
12 programming notifications under section 634A of
13 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
14 2394–1).

15 “(4) TERMINATION.—The authority to provide
16 assistance under this subsection shall expire on De-
17 cember 31, 2020.

18 “(d) REPORTS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days
20 after the date of the enactment of the Iran Account-
21 ability Act of 2016, and every 180 days thereafter,
22 the Secretary of State shall submit to the appro-
23 priate congressional committees a report on the im-
24 plementation of this section that includes the fol-
25 lowing:

1 “(A) An identification of the actions the
2 President has taken during the 180-day period
3 immediately preceding the submission of the re-
4 port to advance each of the policies described in
5 subsection (a).

6 “(B) A clear strategy for advancing polit-
7 ical, economic, and social reform in Iran that
8 includes benchmarks for success that lead to a
9 set of identified discrete goals and objectives.

10 “(C) A plan to monitor and evaluate the
11 effectiveness of the provision of assistance au-
12 thorized under subsection (c), including meas-
13 ures of effectiveness.

14 “(D) The status of the programming of as-
15 sistance under subsection (c).

16 “(E) An analysis of any past programming
17 of assistance under subsection (c) and its effec-
18 tiveness with respect to supporting and pro-
19 moting the rule of law, good governance, civil
20 society, and economic opportunity in Iran.

21 “(2) FORM OF REPORT.—Each report required
22 by paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified
23 form, but may include a classified annex if nec-
24 essary.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
2 for the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights
3 Act of 2012 is amended by inserting after the item relat-
4 ing to section 415 the following:

“Sec. 416. United States support for the people of Iran.”.

5 **SEC. 406. UNITED STATES SPECIAL COORDINATOR ON**
6 **HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY IN IRAN.**

7 (a) DESIGNATION.—The President shall designate
8 within the Department of State a Special Coordinator on
9 Human Rights and Democracy in Iran (in this section re-
10 ferred to as the “Special Coordinator”).

11 (b) CONSULTATION AND QUALIFICATIONS.—Before
12 the President designates a Special Coordinator under sub-
13 section (a), the Secretary of State shall consult with the
14 chairmen and ranking members of the appropriate con-
15 gressional committees. The role of Special Coordinator
16 should be filled by an official of the Department of State
17 appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the President
18 in a position not lower than Under Secretary on the day
19 before the date of the enactment of this Act.

20 (c) DUTIES.—The Special Coordinator shall carry out
21 the following duties:

22 (1) Coordinate the activities of the United
23 States Government that promote human rights, de-
24 mocracy, political freedom, and religious freedom in-
25 side Iran.

1 (2) Coordinate the activities of the United
2 States Government that promote human rights, po-
3 litical freedom, and religious freedom for Iranian
4 refugees and asylees living outside Iran.

5 (3) Ensure the comprehensive investigation and
6 designation of Iranian human rights abusers in ac-
7 cordance with section 105 of the Comprehensive
8 Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act
9 of 2010 (22 U.S.C. 8514).

10 (4) Coordinate the documentation and publi-
11 cizing of political dissidents and cases of human
12 rights abuse inside Iran.

13 (5) Coordinate multilateral efforts to build
14 international support for the promotion of human
15 rights, democracy, political freedom, and religious
16 freedom in Iran, including broadcasting, Internet ac-
17 cess, and dissemination of information.

18 (6) Encourage the United Nations, multilateral
19 organizations, and human rights nongovernmental
20 organizations to more robustly investigate and re-
21 port on human rights abuses in Iran.

22 (7) Encourage foreign governments to down-
23 grade or sever diplomatic relations with the Govern-
24 ment of Iran, enact economic sanctions, and assist

1 Iranian dissidents in response to the continued viola-
2 tions of human rights by the Government of Iran.

3 (8) Encourage foreign governments to expel
4 Iran from international fora and organizations with
5 a human rights component, including the United
6 Nations Commission on the Status of Women, the
7 United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural
8 Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund,
9 and the International Labour Organization.

10 (9) Coordinate all programs to promote human
11 rights, democracy, political freedom, and religious
12 freedom inside Iran.

13 (d) AUTHORITY.—

14 (1) COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES.—The Spe-
15 cial Coordinator shall coordinate all activities related
16 to Iran carried out by the Bureau of Near Eastern
17 Affairs, the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights
18 and Labor, and the Bureau of Population, Refugees
19 and Migration of the Department of State, the Am-
20 bassador-at-Large for International Religious Free-
21 dom, the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat
22 Anti-Semitism, the United States Commission on
23 International Religious Freedom, the National En-
24 dowment for Democracy, and the Broadcasting
25 Board of Governors.

1 (2) COORDINATION OF USE OF FUNDS.—The
2 Special Coordinator shall coordinate and oversee the
3 obligation and expenditure of funds related to
4 human rights, democracy, Internet freedom, and
5 broadcasting activities in Iran, including funds made
6 available for such purposes to the Middle East Part-
7 nership Initiative, the United States Commission on
8 International Religious Freedom, the Broader Mid-
9 dle East and North Africa Initiative, the Human
10 Rights and Democracy Fund, and the Near Eastern
11 Regional Democracy Fund.

12 (e) DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION.—Subject to the
13 direction of the President and the Secretary of State, the
14 Special Coordinator shall represent the United States in
15 matters and cases relevant to the promotion of human
16 rights, democracy, political freedom, and religious freedom
17 in Iran in—

18 (1) contacts with foreign governments, intergov-
19 ernmental organizations, and specialized agencies of
20 the United Nations, the Organization for Security
21 and Co-operation in Europe, and other international
22 organizations of which the United States is a mem-
23 ber; and

1 (2) multilateral conferences and meetings rel-
2 evant to the promotion of human rights, democracy,
3 political freedom, and religious freedom in Iran.

4 (f) CONSULTATIONS.—The Special Coordinator shall
5 consult with Congress, domestic and international non-
6 governmental organizations, labor organizations, and mul-
7 tilateral organizations and institutions as the Special Co-
8 ordinator considers appropriate to fulfill the purposes of
9 this section.

10 (g) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
11 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-
12 gressional committees” means—

13 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
14 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

15 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
16 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
17 resentatives.

18 **SEC. 407. BROADCASTING TO IRAN.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty
20 and the Voice of America services broadcasting to Iran
21 shall—

22 (1) provide news and information that is acces-
23 sible, credible, comprehensive, and accurate;

1 (2) emphasize investigative and analytical jour-
2 nalism provided by Iranian or pro-Iranian media
3 outlets; and

4 (3) strengthen civil society by promoting demo-
5 cratic processes, respect for human rights, and free-
6 dom of the press and expression.

7 (b) PROGRAMMING SURGE.—Radio Free Europe/
8 Radio Liberty and Voice of America programming to Iran
9 shall—

10 (1) provide programming content 24 hours a
11 day and 7 days a week to target populations using
12 all available and effective distribution outlets, includ-
13 ing at least 12 hours a day of original television and
14 video content, not including live video streaming of
15 breaking news;

16 (2) create mobile platforms with an embedded
17 proxy to offer the people of Iran the opportunity to
18 securely listen to programming;

19 (3) increase number of staffers based in the re-
20 gion to allow for more direct contact with the people
21 of Iran;

22 (4) expand the use, audience, and audience en-
23 gagement of mobile news and multimedia platforms
24 by the Voice of America and the Radio Farda serv-
25 ice of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, including

1 through Internet-based social networking platforms;
2 and

3 (5) establish fellowships for Iranian journalists
4 who have fled the country to learn about free, com-
5 petitive media and be trained in surrogate reporting.

6 **SEC. 408. REPORT ON UNITED STATES CITIZENS DETAINED**
7 **BY IRAN.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, and every 180 days
10 thereafter, the President shall submit to the appropriate
11 congressional committees a report on United States citi-
12 zens, including dual citizens, detained by Iran or groups
13 supported by Iran that includes—

14 (1) information regarding any officials of the
15 Government of Iran involved in any way in the de-
16 tentions; and

17 (2) a summary of efforts the United States
18 Government has taken to secure the swift release of
19 those United States citizens, including United States
20 citizens who are also citizens of other countries.

21 (b) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required by sub-
22 section (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but
23 may include a classified annex if necessary.

24 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
25 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-

1 sional committees” has the meaning given that term in
2 section 14 of the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 (Public Law
3 104–172; 50 U.S.C. 1701 note).

4 **SEC. 409. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON ROLE OF THE UNITED**
5 **NATIONS IN PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS IN**
6 **IRAN.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that—

8 (1) the United Nations has a significant role to
9 play in promoting and improving human rights in
10 Iran;

11 (2) the United States should continue to sup-
12 port the work of the United Nations Special
13 Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the
14 Islamic Republic of Iran; and

15 (3) the egregious human rights violations in
16 Iran warrant country-specific attention and contin-
17 ued reporting by the Special Rapporteur on the situ-
18 ation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of
19 Iran, the Special Rapporteur on torture and other
20 cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punish-
21 ment, the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention,
22 the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary,
23 or arbitrary executions, the Special Rapporteur on
24 the promotion and protection of the right to freedom
25 of opinion and expression, the Special Rapporteur on

1 freedom of religion or belief, and the Special
2 Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes,
3 and consequences, of the United Nations.