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To require the President to make a determination with respect to the application of sanctions with respect to certain officials of the Government of Iran, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. STEUBE, and Mr. BANKS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To require the President to make a determination with respect to the application of sanctions with respect to certain officials of the Government of Iran, 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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Iran Human Rights
5 and Accountability Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) In response to protests that broke out on
4 November 15, 2019, the Government of Iran blocked
5 almost all internet traffic in Iran and used deadly
6 force against nonviolent protesters, killing approxi-
7 mately 1,500 persons, according to the Department
8 of State’s 2019 Human Rights Report.

9 (2) The Government of Iran is regularly en-
10 gaged in widespread torture, extrajudicial killings,
11 the prosecution of journalists, the taking of political
12 prisoners, severe restrictions on the freedom of reli-
13 gion, and the severe repression of women and reli-
14 gious minorities.

15 (3) The Government of Iran is involved in the
16 unlawful recruitment of child soldiers by government
17 actors to support the brutal Assad regime in Syria,
18 according to the Department of State’s 2019
19 Human Rights Report. The Government of Iran is
20 also altering the demographic composition of Syria.

21 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

22 It shall be the policy of the United States to—

23 (1) support democracy and human rights in
24 Iran, including the robust exercise by Iranians of the
25 rights to free speech and assembly and where pos-
26 sible to support the free flow of information into

1 Iran and make it easier for Iranian citizens to com-
2 municate with one another and with the outside
3 world;

4 (2) hold the Government of Iran accountable
5 for severe human rights abuses against its own peo-
6 ple and the peoples of the Middle East, including the
7 people of Syria, Iraq, Yemen, and Lebanon; and

8 (3) condemn any and all attacks on protesters
9 by the Government of Iran or its sponsored militias.

10 **SEC. 4. DETERMINATION WITH RESPECT TO APPLICATION**
11 **OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN**
12 **OFFICIALS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN.**

13 (a) DETERMINATION WITH RESPECT TO THE IMPO-
14 SITION OF SANCTIONS.—Not later than 180 days after the
15 date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall sub-
16 mit to the appropriate congressional committees a deter-
17 mination, including a detailed justification, of whether any
18 person listed in subsection (b) meets the criteria for—

19 (1) the application of sanctions with respect to
20 a person pursuant to section 105 of the Comprehen-
21 sive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment
22 Act of 2010 (22 U.S.C. 8514); or

23 (2) the application of sanctions pursuant to Ex-
24 ecutive Order 13553 (50 U.S.C. 1701 note; relating
25 to blocking property of certain persons with respect

1 to serious human rights abuses by the Government
2 of Iran).

3 (b) PERSONS LISTED.—The persons described in this
4 subsection are the following:

5 (1) Ayatollah Ali Khamanei, the Supreme Lead-
6 er of Iran.

7 (2) Asghar Jahangir, the head of Iran's Prisons
8 Organization.

9 (3) Seyyed Alireza Avaie, Iran's Minister of
10 Justice.

11 (4) Mansour Gholami, Iran's Minister of
12 Science.

13 (5) Abbas Salehi, Iran's Minister of Culture.

14 (6) Hassan Hassanzadeh, Commander of the
15 Tehran Mohammad Rasoolallah Corps of Iran's Is-
16 lamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC).

17 (7) Mohammad Reza Yazdi, Commander of the
18 Tehran Mohammad Rasoolallah Corps of the IRGC.

19 (8) Amin Vaziri, Deputy Prosecutor of Tehran
20 and assistant supervisor of political prisoners in
21 Evin prison.

22 (9) Heshmatollah Hayat Al-Ghayb, Tehran's
23 Director-General of Prisons.

24 (10) Allahkaram Azizi, Head of the Rajaie-
25 Shahr prison in Karaj, Iran.

1 (11) Mohammadmehdi Hajmohammadi, Head
 2 of Iran's prisons and guidance prosecutor's office.

3 (12) Ali Hemmatian, IRGC interrogator.

4 (13) Masoud Safdari, IRGC interrogator.

5 **SEC. 5. REPORT ON THE ESTIMATED NET WORTH AND**
 6 **KNOWN SOURCES OF INCOME OF IRANIAN**
 7 **SUPREME LEADER AYATOLLAH ALI**
 8 **KHAMANEI.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
 10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,
 11 in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and the
 12 Director of National Intelligence, shall submit to the ap-
 13 propriate congressional committees a report on the esti-
 14 mated net worth and known sources of income, including
 15 income from corrupt or illicit activities, of Iranian Su-
 16 preme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamanei and his family
 17 members (including spouse, children, siblings, and pater-
 18 nal and maternal cousins), including—

19 (1) assets, investments, other business interests,
 20 and relevant beneficial ownership information; and

21 (2) shares in and ties to Iranian parastatal in-
 22 stitutions or bonyads, such as the Mostazafan Foun-
 23 dation and the Astan Quds Razavi, and the total es-
 24 timated value of the Mostazafan Foundation and the
 25 Astan Quds Razavi.

1 (b) FORM.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The report required by sub-
3 section (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form,
4 but may contain a classified annex if necessary.

5 (2) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.—

6 The unclassified portion of such report shall be
7 made available on a publicly available internet
8 website of the Federal Government.

9 **SEC. 6. REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN IRAN IN RE-**
10 **SPONSE TO THE PROTESTS IN IRAN SINCE**
11 **2017.**

12 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
13 gress that it is imperative the United States Government
14 should hold local Iranian law enforcement forces, Iran’s
15 Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) officials, and
16 other Iranian security officials accountable for the violent
17 crackdown on protests in Iran since 2017, especially since
18 protests in Iran have become geographically widespread
19 and not limited solely to major urban centers.

20 (b) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
21 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,
22 in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, shall
23 submit to the appropriate congressional committees a re-
24 port that includes the following:

1 (1) A list, by province and city, of local Iranian
2 law enforcement forces, IRGC officials, and other
3 Iranian security officials responsible for the violent
4 crackdown on protests in Iran since 2017.

5 (2) A list of judges and judicial officials, by
6 province and city, responsible for gross violations of
7 human rights in Iran, including facilitating the un-
8 just detainment of protesters and depriving them of
9 their right to free speech.

10 (3) A description of efforts by the United
11 States to assist Iranians to access the internet dur-
12 ing periods in which the Government of Iran has se-
13 verely limited such access.

14 (c) FORM.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The report required by sub-
16 section (b) shall be submitted in unclassified form,
17 but may contain a classified annex if necessary.

18 (2) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.—
19 The unclassified portion of such report shall be
20 made available on a publicly available internet
21 website of the Federal Government.

1 **SEC. 7. DETERMINATION WITH RESPECT TO CRIMES**
2 **AGAINST HUMANITY COMMITTED BY THE**
3 **GOVERNMENT OF IRAN AND ITS SPONSORED**
4 **MILITIAS IN SYRIA AND IRAQ.**

5 (a) DETERMINATION.—The Secretary of State shall
6 make a determination with respect to each of the fol-
7 lowing:

8 (1) Whether Iran, Hezbollah, and Iranian-
9 backed militias' sectarian cleansing campaigns, espe-
10 cially in the Damascus suburbs and particularly
11 against the Sunni Muslim population of Syria, can
12 be considered systematic and widespread and there-
13 fore constitute an offense described in section
14 1091(a) of title 18, United States Code.

15 (2) Whether Iran and Iranian backed militias'
16 use of violence against peaceful protesters in Iraq in
17 November 2019 and December 2019 constitutes a
18 war crime (as such term is defined in section
19 2441(c) of title 18, United States Code).

20 (3) Whether excessive use of violence by forces
21 of the Government of Iran against protesters in Iran
22 in November 2019 constitutes an offense described
23 in section 1091(a) of title 18, United States Code.

24 (b) REPORT.—

25 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
26 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-

1 retary of State shall submit to the appropriate con-
2 gressional committees a report that contains each
3 determination made under subsection (a).

4 (2) FORM.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—The report required by
6 paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified
7 form, but may contain a classified annex if nec-
8 essary.

9 (B) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF INFORMA-
10 TION.—The unclassified portion of such report
11 shall be made available on a publicly available
12 internet website of the Federal Government.

13 **SEC. 8. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-**
14 **FINED.**

15 In this Act, the term “appropriate congressional com-
16 mittees” means—

17 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
18 Committee on Financial Services of the House of
19 Representatives; and

20 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
21 the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Af-
22 fairs of the Senate.

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