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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLYDE (for himself, Mr. OGLES, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. PERRY, Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. FALLON, and Mr. HARRIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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

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Reported from the Committee on Foreign Affairs with an amendment

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on October 25, 2023]

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Standing Against*
5 *Houthi Aggression Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 *Congress finds the following:*

8 *(1) It was reported by Reuters on March 21,*
9 *2017, that Iran, a designated state sponsor of terror,*
10 *sent advanced weapons and military advisers to as-*
11 *ist and support Yemen’s Ansarallah, commonly re-*
12 *ferred to as the “Houthis”.*

13 *(2) On January 19, 2021, the Trump Adminis-*
14 *tration designated Ansarallah as a foreign terrorist*
15 *organization and a specially designated global ter-*
16 *rorist.*

17 *(3) On February 16, 2021, Secretary of State*
18 *Blinken revoked the designation of Ansarallah as a*
19 *foreign terrorist organization pursuant to section*
20 *219(a)(6)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act*
21 *(8 U.S.C. 1189(a)(6)(A)).*

22 *(4) Since October 7, 2023, the Houthis have*
23 *launched over 40 ballistic missile and Unmanned*
24 *Aerial Vehicle attacks on international shipping in*
25 *the Red Sea, including direct attacks on United*

1 *States sailors and taking an international ship and*
2 *its crew hostage. This follows years of Houthi cross-*
3 *border attacks against Saudi Arabia and the United*
4 *Arab Emirates.*

5 (5) *Houthi attacks on global shipping have*
6 *caused many shipping companies to re-route to avoid*
7 *the area, resulting in a de-facto blockade against*
8 *Yemen, while also driving up shipping costs, dis-*
9 *rupting supply chains, and negatively impacting the*
10 *global economy.*

11 (6) *In addition to providing the Houthis with*
12 *advanced conventional weapons and component parts,*
13 *Iran and their Hezbollah proxies have also enabled*
14 *the Houthis with financial support, training, and*
15 *technical knowledge to manufacture weapons, includ-*
16 *ing long range drones and ballistic and cruise mis-*
17 *siles in Yemen, resulting in increased Houthi weap-*
18 *ons stockpiles and illegal weapons proliferation*
19 *throughout the region.*

20 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION AS FTO; IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.**

21 (a) *DESIGNATION AS FTO.*—*Not later than 90 days*
22 *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary*
23 *of State shall designate Ansarallah as a foreign terrorist*
24 *organization pursuant to section 219(a) of the Immigration*
25 *and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189(a)).*

1 **(b) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—**

2 **(1) IN GENERAL.—***Not later than 90 days after*
3 *the date of the enactment of this Act, the President*
4 *shall impose the sanctions described in paragraph (2)*
5 *with respect to—*

6 **(A) Ansarallah; and**

7 **(B) any foreign person that is a member,**
8 *agent, or affiliate of, or owned or controlled by*
9 *Ansarallah.*

10 **(2) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—***The sanctions de-*
11 *scribed in this paragraph are the following:*

12 **(A) BLOCKING OF PROPERTY.—***The Presi-*
13 *dent shall exercise all authorities granted under*
14 *the International Emergency Economic Powers*
15 *Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) to the extent nec-*
16 *essary to block and prohibit all transactions in*
17 *property and interests in property of Ansarallah*
18 *or the foreign person if such property and inter-*
19 *ests in property are in the United States, come*
20 *within the United States, or come within the*
21 *possession or control of a United States person.*

22 **(B) INELIGIBILITY FOR VISAS, ADMISSION,**
23 **OR PAROLE.—**

1 (i) *VISAS, ADMISSION, OR PAROLE.*—

2 *An alien described in paragraph (1) shall*

3 *be—*

4 (I) *inadmissible to the United*
5 *States;*

6 (II) *ineligible to receive a visa or*
7 *other documentation to enter the*
8 *United States; and*

9 (III) *otherwise ineligible to be ad-*
10 *mitted or paroled into the United*
11 *States or to receive any other benefit*
12 *under the Immigration and Nation-*
13 *ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et 16 seq.).*

14 (ii) *CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.*—

15 (I) *IN GENERAL.*—*The visa or*
16 *other entry documentation of any alien*
17 *described in paragraph (1) is subject to*
18 *revocation regardless of the issue date*
19 *of the visa or other entry documenta-*
20 *tion.*

21 (II) *IMMEDIATE EFFECT.*—*A rev-*
22 *ocation under subclause (I) shall, in*
23 *accordance with section 221(i) of the*
24 *Immigration and Nationality Act (8*
25 *U.S.C. 1201(i))—*

1 (aa) take effect immediately;

2 and

3 (bb) cancel any other valid

4 visa or entry documentation that

5 is in the possession of the alien.

6 (3) *PENALTIES.*—Any person that violates, or at-
7 tempts to violate, paragraph (2) or any regulation, li-
8 cense, or order issued pursuant to that subsection,
9 shall be subject to the penalties set forth in subsections
10 (b) and (c) of section 206 of the International Eco-
11 nomic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) to the same ex-
12 tent as a person that commits an unlawful act de-
13 scribed in subsection (a) of that section.

14 (4) *IMPLEMENTATION.*—The President may exer-
15 cise all authorities provided under sections 203 and
16 205 of the International Emergency Economic Powers
17 Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704) to carry out this sub-
18 section.

19 (5) *REGULATIONS.*—

20 (A) *IN GENERAL.*—The President shall, not
21 later than 120 days after the date of the enact-
22 ment of this Act, promulgate regulations as nec-
23 essary for the implementation of this subsection.

24 (B) *NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.*—Not less
25 than 10 days before the promulgation of regula-

1 *tions under paragraph (1), the President shall*
2 *notify the appropriate congressional committees*
3 *of the proposed regulations and the provisions of*
4 *this subsection that the regulations are imple-*
5 *menting.*

6 (C) *APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COM-*
7 *MITTEE DEFINED.—In this paragraph, the term*
8 *“appropriate congressional committees” means—*

9 (i) *the Committee on Foreign Affairs*
10 *and the Committee on the Judiciary of the*
11 *House of Representatives; and*

12 (ii) *the Committee on Foreign Rela-*
13 *tions and the Committee on the Judiciary*
14 *of the Senate.*

15 (6) *EXCEPTIONS.—*

16 (A) *EXCEPTION FOR INTELLIGENCE ACTIVI-*
17 *TIES.—Sanctions under this subsection shall not*
18 *apply to any activity subject to the reporting re-*
19 *quirements under title V of the National Secu-*
20 *rity Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3091 et seq.) or any*
21 *authorized intelligence activities of the United*
22 *States.*

23 (B) *EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH INTER-*
24 *NATIONAL OBLIGATIONS AND FOR LAW ENFORCE-*
25 *MENT ACTIVITIES.—Sanctions under this sub-*

1 *section shall not apply with respect to an alien*
2 *if admitting or paroling the alien into the*
3 *United States is necessary—*

4 *(i) to permit the United States to com-*
5 *ply with the Agreement regarding the Head-*
6 *quarters of the United Nations, signed at*
7 *Lake Success June 26, 1947, and entered*
8 *into force November 21, 1947, between the*
9 *United Nations and the United States, or*
10 *other applicable international obligations;*
11 *or*

12 *(ii) to carry out or assist authorized*
13 *law enforcement activity in the United*
14 *States.*