

118TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 6046

AN ACT

To designate Ansarallah as a foreign terrorist organization and impose certain sanctions on Ansarallah, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Standing Against
3 Houthi Aggression Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) It was reported by Reuters on March 21,
7 2017, that Iran, a designated state sponsor of ter-
8 ror, sent advanced weapons and military advisers to
9 assist and support Yemen’s Ansarallah, commonly
10 referred to as the “Houthis”.

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

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

20 (4) Since October 7, 2023, the Houthis have
21 launched over 40 ballistic missile and Unmanned
22 Aerial Vehicle attacks on international shipping in
23 the Red Sea, including direct attacks on United
24 States sailors and taking an international ship and
25 its crew hostage. This follows years of Houthi cross-

1 border attacks against Saudi Arabia and the United
2 Arab Emirates.

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

9 (6) In addition to providing the Houthis with
10 advanced conventional weapons and component
11 parts, Iran and their Hezbollah proxies have also en-
12 abled the Houthis with financial support, training,
13 and technical knowledge to manufacture weapons,
14 including long range drones and ballistic and cruise
15 missiles in Yemen, resulting in increased Houthi
16 weapons stockpiles and illegal weapons proliferation
17 throughout the region.

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

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

24 (b) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—

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

5 (A) Ansarallah; and

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

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

11 (A) BLOCKING OF PROPERTY.—The Presi-
12 dent shall exercise all authorities granted under
13 the International Emergency Economic Powers
14 Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) to the extent nec-
15 essary to block and prohibit all transactions in
16 property and interests in property of Ansarallah
17 or the foreign person if such property and in-
18 terests in property are in the United States,
19 come within the United States, or come within
20 the possession or control of a United States
21 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
10 admitted 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
17 alien described in paragraph (1) is
18 subject to revocation regardless of the
19 issue date of the visa or other entry
20 documentation.

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
7 attempts to violate, paragraph (2) or any regulation,
8 license, or order issued pursuant to that subsection,
9 shall be subject to the penalties set forth in sub-
10 sections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the Inter-
11 national Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) to
12 the same extent as a person that commits an unlaw-
13 ful act described in subsection (a) of that section.

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

19 (5) REGULATIONS.—

20 (A) IN GENERAL.—The President shall,
21 not later than 120 days after the date of the
22 enactment of this Act, promulgate regulations
23 as necessary for the implementation of this sub-
24 section.

1 (B) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.—Not
2 less than 10 days before the promulgation of
3 regulations under paragraph (1), the President
4 shall notify the appropriate congressional com-
5 mittees of the proposed regulations and the pro-
6 visions of this subsection that the regulations
7 are implementing.

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

12 (i) the Committee on Foreign Affairs
13 and the Committee on the Judiciary of the
14 House of Representatives; and

15 (ii) the Committee on Foreign Rela-
16 tions and the Committee on the Judiciary
17 of the Senate.

18 (6) EXCEPTIONS.—

19 (A) EXCEPTION FOR INTELLIGENCE AC-
20 TIVITIES.—Sanctions under this subsection
21 shall not apply to any activity subject to the re-
22 porting requirements under title V of the Na-
23 tional Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3091 et
24 seq.) or any authorized intelligence activities of
25 the United States.

1 (B) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH INTER-
2 NATIONAL OBLIGATIONS AND FOR LAW EN-
3 FORCEMENT ACTIVITIES.—Sanctions under this
4 subsection shall not apply with respect to an
5 alien if admitting or paroling the alien into the
6 United States is necessary—

7 (i) to permit the United States to
8 comply with the Agreement regarding the
9 Headquarters of the United Nations,
10 signed at Lake Success June 26, 1947,
11 and entered into force November 21, 1947,
12 between the United Nations and the
13 United States, or other applicable inter-
14 national obligations; or

15 (ii) to carry out or assist authorized
16 law enforcement activity in the United
17 States.

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Attest:

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