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To require the imposition of sanctions on the Popular Resistance Committees and other associated entities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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 “Accountability for Ter-
5 rorist Perpetrators of October 7th Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPOSITION OF TERRORISM SANCTIONS WITH RE-**
2 **SPECT TO THE POPULAR RESISTANCE COM-**
3 **MITTEES.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Since its founding in 2000 during the sec-
6 ond intifada, the Popular Resistance Committees
7 (referred to as the “PRC”) has regularly carried out
8 terror attacks against Israelis, Americans, and Pal-
9 estinians.

10 (2) The PRC’s ranks include former operatives
11 from Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and the
12 Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, all of
13 which are designated by the United States as foreign
14 terrorist organizations.

15 (3) The PRC carried out an attack in 2003 on
16 a United States diplomatic convoy that injured a
17 diplomat and killed 3 security guards from the
18 United States. The PRC has also carried out the
19 2004 murder of a pregnant Israeli woman and her
20 4 daughters, aged 11, 9, 7 and 2, and the executions
21 of Palestinians, including the former Palestinian Au-
22 thority Gaza security chief.

23 (4) The PRC has been the third-largest terror
24 group in the Gaza strip, after Hamas and Pales-
25 tinian Islamic Jihad, since as early as 2011.

1 (5) On October 7, 2023, Hamas, Palestinian Is-
2 lamic Jihad, and the Popular Resistance Committees
3 terrorists launched a massive, unprovoked war on
4 Israel by air, land, and sea, including firing thou-
5 sands of rockets, resulting in the deaths of 1,200 in-
6 nocent Israelis, Americans, and others, the abduc-
7 tion of 250 hostages, and widespread torture and
8 sexual violence.

9 (6) On October 7, 2023, the PRC issued a
10 statement claiming responsibility for participating in
11 the terrorist attack against Israel alongside Hamas
12 and their affiliates, including the kidnap of IDF sol-
13 diers, and posted photos of items taken from soldiers
14 killed and captured by the group as evidence.

15 (7) On October 8, 2023, the PRC issued a
16 statement claiming responsibility for dispatching ka-
17 mikaze drones during the attack on Israel.

18 (b) IN GENERAL.—On and after the date that is 90
19 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the President
20 shall impose the measures described in subsection (d) with
21 respect to—

22 (1) the Popular Resistance Committees;

23 (2) any foreign person that is an official, agent,
24 or affiliate of a foreign person described in para-
25 graph (1);

1 (3) any foreign person that is owned or con-
2 trolled by a foreign person described in paragraph
3 (1) or (2); and

4 (4) any current or future armed organization
5 the President determines is operating under the um-
6 brella of the Popular Resistance Committees or any
7 other person described in this subsection.

8 (c) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions de-
9 scribed in this subsection are the following:

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

12 (A) BLOCKING OF PROPERTY.—The Presi-
13 dent shall exercise all of the powers granted to
14 the President under the International Emer-
15 gency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et
16 seq.) to the extent necessary to block and pro-
17 hibit all transactions in property and interests
18 in property of the person if such property and
19 interests in property are in the United States,
20 come within the United States, or are or come
21 within the possession or control of a United
22 States person.

23 (B) ALIENS INADMISSABLE FOR VISAS, AD-
24 MISSION, OR PAROLE.—

1 (i) VISAS, ADMISSION, OR PAROLE.—

2 An alien who the Secretary of State or the
3 Secretary of Homeland Security (or a des-
4 ignee of one of such Secretaries) knows, or
5 has reason to believe, is described in sub-
6 section (b) is—

7 (I) inadmissible to the United
8 States;

9 (II) ineligible to receive a visa or
10 other documentation to enter the
11 United States; and

12 (III) otherwise ineligible to be
13 admitted or paroled into the United
14 States or to receive any other benefit
15 under the Immigration and Nation-
16 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).

17 (ii) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—

18 (I) IN GENERAL.—The issuing
19 consular officer, the Secretary of
20 State, or the Secretary of Homeland
21 Security (or a designee of one of such
22 Secretaries) shall, in accordance with
23 section 221(i) of the Immigration and
24 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1201(i)),
25 revoke any visa or other entry docu-

1 mentation issued to an alien described
2 in clause (i) regardless of when the
3 visa or other entry documentation is
4 issued.

5 (II) EFFECT OF REVOCATION.—

6 A revocation under subclause (I) shall
7 take effect immediately and shall
8 automatically cancel any other valid
9 visa or entry documentation that is in
10 the alien's possession.

11 (2) EXCEPTIONS.—

12 (A) UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS
13 AGREEMENT.—The sanctions described in para-
14 graph (1)(B) shall not apply with respect to an
15 alien if admitting or paroling the alien into the
16 United States is necessary to permit the United
17 States to comply with the Agreement regarding
18 the Headquarters of the United Nations, signed
19 at Lake Success June 26, 1947, and entered
20 into force November 21, 1947, between the
21 United Nations and the United States, or other
22 applicable international obligations.

23 (B) EXCEPTION FOR INTELLIGENCE, LAW
24 ENFORCEMENT, AND NATIONAL SECURITY AC-
25 TIVITIES.—Sanctions under paragraph (1) shall

1 not apply to any authorized intelligence, law en-
2 forcement, or national security activities of the
3 United States.

4 (d) PENALTIES.—The penalties provided for in sub-
5 sections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the International
6 Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) shall
7 apply to a person that violates, attempts to violate, con-
8 spires to violate, or causes a violation of this section, regu-
9 lations promulgated to carry out this section, or the sanc-
10 tions imposed pursuant to this section to the same extent
11 that such penalties apply to a person that commits an un-
12 lawful act described in section 206(a) of that Act.

13 (e) IMPLEMENTATION AUTHORITY.—The President
14 may exercise all authorities provided to the President
15 under sections 203 and 205 of the International Emer-
16 gency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704)
17 for purposes of carrying out this section.

18 (f) WAIVER.—The President may, for one or more
19 periods of not more than 180 days each, waive the applica-
20 tion of sanctions or restrictions imposed with respect to
21 a foreign person under this section if the President cer-
22 tifies to the appropriate congressional committees, not
23 later than 15 days before such waiver takes effect, that
24 the waiver is vital to the national security interests of the
25 United States.

1 (g) TERMINATION.—Sanctions under this section
2 may be terminated with respect to any foreign person if
3 the President certifies to the appropriate congressional
4 committees that—

5 (1) such foreign person is no longer engaging in
6 acts of terrorism, as such term is defined for pur-
7 poses of Executive Order No. 13224 (relating to
8 blocking property and prohibiting transactions with
9 persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support
10 terrorism); or

11 (2) with respect to a foreign person that is an
12 entity, such entity has disbanded.

13 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON THE DESIGNATION OF THE LION'S DEN**
14 **AND THE POPULAR RESISTANCE COMMIT-**
15 **TEES AS SPECIALLY DESIGNATED GLOBAL**
16 **TERRORISTS.**

17 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

18 (1) Since its founding in 2022, Lion's Den has
19 carried out a number of terror attacks including
20 over 61 shooting attacks against Israeli soldiers and
21 civilians;

22 (2) The group's ranks include former operatives
23 from Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and the
24 Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, all of

1 which are designated foreign terrorist organizations
2 (FTO).

3 (3) Lion's Den receives funds from designated
4 FTOs Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

5 (b) INITIAL REPORT.—

6 (1) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 90
7 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
8 Secretary of State shall submit to the appropriate
9 committees of Congress—

10 (A) a detailed report on whether—

11 (i) the Lion's Den meets the criteria
12 for designation as a Specially Designated
13 Global Terrorist pursuant to Executive
14 Order No. 13224 (relating to blocking
15 property and prohibiting transactions with
16 persons who commit, threaten to commit,
17 or support terrorism) and the criteria for
18 designation as a foreign terrorist organiza-
19 tion as set forth in section 219 of the Im-
20 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
21 1189); and

22 (ii) the Popular Resistance Commit-
23 tees meet as a Specially Designated Global
24 Terrorist pursuant to Executive Order No.
25 13224; and

1 (B) if the Secretary reaches a negative de-
2 termination with respect to any of the entities
3 listed in subparagraph (A), a detailed justifica-
4 tion as to which criteria have not been met.

5 (2) FORM.—The report required by paragraph
6 (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may
7 include a classified annex.

8 (c) ONGOING DETERMINATIONS REQUIRED.—Not
9 later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this
10 Act, and every 2 years thereafter, the Secretary of State
11 shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress
12 a report that—

13 (1) identifies each new entity operating under
14 the umbrella of the Popular Resistance Committees
15 or any successor of the Popular Resistance Commit-
16 tees;

17 (2) includes a determination whether each such
18 entity meets the criteria—

19 (A) for designation as a Specially Des-
20 ignated Global Terrorist pursuant to Executive
21 Order No. 13224 (relating to blocking property
22 and prohibiting transactions with persons who
23 commit, threaten to commit, or support ter-
24 rorism);

1 (B) for designation as a foreign terrorist
2 organization as set forth in section 219 of the
3 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
4 1189); or

5 (C) for the imposition of sanctions under
6 section 2 of this Act; and

7 (3) if the Secretary reaches a negative deter-
8 mination pursuant to any subparagraph of para-
9 graph (2) with respect to any of the entities identi-
10 fied pursuant to paragraph (1), a detailed justifica-
11 tion as to which criteria for such designation or im-
12 position have not been met.

13 **SEC. 4. APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-**
14 **FINED.**

15 In this Act, the term “appropriate committees of
16 Congress” means—

17 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
18 the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate; and

19 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
20 Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Rep-
21 resentatives.