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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHERMAN (for himself, Mr. KUSTOFF, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. McCAUL, Ms. MCBRIDE, and Mr. LAWLER) 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

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## 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.

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