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To require a strategy to oppose financial or material support by foreign countries to the Taliban, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

To require a strategy to oppose financial or material support by foreign countries to the Taliban, 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. STRATEGY TO OPPOSE FINANCIAL OR MATE-**
4 **RIAL SUPPORT BY FOREIGN COUNTRIES TO**
5 **THE TALIBAN.**

6 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
7 United States—

8 (1) to oppose the provision of financial or mate-
9 rial support by foreign countries to the Taliban, par-

1 particularly those countries that receive United States-
2 provided foreign assistance; and

3 (2) to review United States-provided financial
4 assistance to such foreign countries that have pro-
5 vided financial or material support to the Taliban.

6 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date
7 of the enactment of this Act, and the Secretary of State
8 shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees
9 a report identifying—

10 (1) foreign countries that have provided finan-
11 cial or material support to the Taliban, including—

12 (A) the amount of United States-provided
13 foreign assistance each country receives, if any;

14 (B) the amount of financial or material
15 support each country has provided to the
16 Taliban; and

17 (C) a description of how the Taliban has
18 utilized such financial or material support; and

19 (2) efforts the United States has taken since
20 August 2021 to oppose foreign countries from pro-
21 viding financial or material support to the Taliban,
22 particularly those foreign countries that receive
23 United States-provided foreign assistance.

24 (c) STRATEGY AND REPORTS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
2 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
3 of State shall develop a strategy to discourage for-
4 eign countries from providing financial or material
5 support to the Taliban, including by using United
6 States-provided foreign assistance to discourage
7 countries from providing such support to the
8 Taliban.

9 (2) REPORTS.—

10 (A) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than the
11 date on which the strategy required by para-
12 graph (1) is completed, the Secretary of State
13 shall submit to the appropriate congressional
14 committees a report detailing the strategy and
15 a plan for its implementation.

16 (B) SUBSEQUENT REPORTS.—Not later
17 than 180 days after the date on which the
18 strategy required by paragraph (1) is com-
19 pleted, and every 180 days thereafter, the Sec-
20 retary of State shall submit to the appropriate
21 congressional committees a report on the imple-
22 mentation of the strategy, including the impact
23 of the strategy in discouraging foreign countries
24 from providing financial or material support to
25 the Taliban.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON DIRECT CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**
2 **IN AFGHANISTAN.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,
5 in consultation with the Administrator of the United
6 States Agency for International Development, shall submit
7 to the appropriate congressional committees a report on
8 United States Government-funded direct cash assistance
9 programs in Afghanistan during the period beginning on
10 August 1, 2021, and ending on the date that is 30 days
11 after the date of enactment of this Act.

12 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report re-
13 quired by subsection (a) shall, with respect to such direct
14 cash assistance programs, include—

15 (1) an identification of implementing partners
16 and recipients;

17 (2) a description of method of payments;

18 (3) a description of how and where currency ex-
19 changes occur;

20 (4) a description of how hawalas are used and
21 the oversight mechanism in place regarding use of
22 hawalas to transfer funds; and

23 (5) a description of how oversight is conducted,
24 including information on how the Department of
25 State prevents the Taliban from accessing cash as-
26 sistance under such programs.

1 (c) HAWALA DEFINED.—In this section, the term
2 “hawala” means a system of transferring money through
3 a network of money lending brokers.

4 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON STATUS OF AFGHAN FUND.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act, and every 180 days
7 thereafter, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the
8 Administrator of the United States Agency for Inter-
9 national Development and the Secretary of the Treasury,
10 shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees
11 a report on the status of the Afghan Fund.

12 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report re-
13 quired by subsection (a) shall include—

14 (1) a list of Taliban members working at Da
15 Afghanistan Bank or serving on the Bank’s board;
16 and

17 (2) a description of—

18 (A) the Taliban’s influence over Da Af-
19 ghanistan Bank;

20 (B) the Afghan Fund’s board of trustees,
21 including how the Fund’s trustees were vetted
22 and selected, and what United States agencies
23 were involved in the vetting and selection proc-
24 ess;

1 (C) the conditions necessary for funds in
2 the Afghan Fund to be released to Da Afghani-
3 stan Bank;

4 (D) how the Afghan Fund’s board of trust-
5 ees will decide on the type and appropriateness
6 of the Fund’s activities, including what kind of
7 information will inform the board’s decisions
8 and how the board will collect and verify this
9 information; and

10 (E) a description of what controls have
11 been put into place to ensure funds are not di-
12 verted to or misused by the Taliban or other ac-
13 tors when the Fund begins making disburse-
14 ments.

15 **SEC. 4. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-**
16 **FINED.**

17 In this Act, the term “appropriate congressional com-
18 mittees” means—

19 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
20 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
21 resentatives; and

22 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
23 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.