

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 6046
OFFERED BY MR. McCAUL OF TEXAS**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

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

1 219(a)(6)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality
2 Act (8 U.S.C. 1189(a)(6)(A)).

3 (4) Since October 7, 2023, the Houthis have
4 launched over 40 ballistic missile and Unmanned
5 Aerial Vehicle attacks on international shipping in
6 the Red Sea, including direct attacks on United
7 States sailors and taking an international ship and
8 its crew hostage. This follows years of Houthi cross-
9 border attacks against Saudi Arabia and the United
10 Arab Emirates.

11 (5) Houthi attacks on global shipping have
12 caused many shipping companies to re-route to avoid
13 the area, resulting in a de-facto blockade against
14 Yemen, while also driving up shipping costs, dis-
15 rupting supply chains, and negatively impacting the
16 global economy.

17 (6) In addition to providing the Houthis with
18 advanced conventional weapons and component
19 parts, Iran and their Hezbollah proxies have also en-
20 abled the Houthis with financial support, training,
21 and technical knowledge to manufacture weapons,
22 including long range drones and ballistic and cruise
23 missiles in Yemen, resulting in increased Houthi
24 weapons stockpiles and illegal weapons proliferation
25 throughout the region.

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

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

7 (b) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
9 the date of the enactment of this Act, the President
10 shall impose the sanctions described in paragraph

11 (2) with respect to—

12 (A) Ansarallah; and

13 (B) any foreign person that is a member,
14 agent, or affiliate of, or owned or controlled by
15 Ansarallah.

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

18 (A) BLOCKING OF PROPERTY.—The Presi-
19 dent shall exercise all authorities granted under
20 the International Emergency Economic Powers
21 Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) to the extent nec-
22 essary to block and prohibit all transactions in
23 property and interests in property of Ansarallah
24 or the foreign person if such property and in-
25 terests in property are in the United States,
26 come within the United States, or come within

1 the possession or control of a United States
2 person.

3 (B) INELIGIBILITY FOR VISAS, ADMISSION,
4 OR PAROLE.—

5 (i) VISAS, ADMISSION, OR PAROLE.—

6 An alien described in paragraph (1) shall
7 be—

8 (I) inadmissible to the United
9 States;

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

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

18 (ii) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—

19 (I) IN GENERAL.—The visa or
20 other entry documentation of any
21 alien described in paragraph (1) is
22 subject to revocation regardless of the
23 issue date of the visa or other entry
24 documentation.

1 (II) IMMEDIATE EFFECT.—A rev-
2 ocation under subclause (I) shall, in
3 accordance with section 221(i) of the
4 Immigration and Nationality Act (8
5 U.S.C. 1201(i))—

6 (aa) take effect immediately;

7 and

8 (bb) cancel any other valid
9 visa or entry documentation that
10 is in the possession of the alien.

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

19 (4) IMPLEMENTATION.—The President may ex-
20 ercise all authorities provided under sections 203
21 and 205 of the International Emergency Economic
22 Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704) to carry out
23 this subsection.

24 (5) REGULATIONS.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The President shall,
2 not later than 120 days after the date of the
3 enactment of this Act, promulgate regulations
4 as necessary for the implementation of this sub-
5 section.

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

13 (C) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COM-
14 MITTEE DEFINED.—In this paragraph, the term
15 “appropriate congressional committees”
16 means—

17 (i) the Committee on Foreign Affairs
18 and the Committee on the Judiciary of the
19 House of Representatives; and

20 (ii) the Committee on Foreign Rela-
21 tions and the Committee on the Judiciary
22 of the Senate.

23 (6) EXCEPTIONS.—

24 (A) EXCEPTION FOR INTELLIGENCE AC-
25 TIVITIES.—Sanctions under this subsection

1 shall not apply to any activity subject to the re-
2 porting requirements under title V of the Na-
3 tional Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3091 et
4 seq.) or any authorized intelligence activities of
5 the United States.

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

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

20 (ii) to carry out or assist authorized
21 law enforcement activity in the United
22 States.

