

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5300
OFFERED BY MR. SHERMAN OF CALIFORNIA

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . ACCOUNTABILITY FOR TERRORIST PERPETRA-**
2 **TORS OF OCTOBER 7TH ACT.**

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

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

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

14 (3) The PRC carried out an attack in 2003 on
15 a United States diplomatic convoy that injured a
16 diplomat and killed 3 security guards from the
17 United States. The PRC has also carried out the
18 2004 murder of a pregnant Israeli woman and her
19 4 daughters, aged 11, 9, 7 and 2, and the executions

1 of Palestinians, including the former Palestinian Au-
2 thority Gaza security chief.

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

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

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

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

23 (b) IMPOSITION OF TERRORISM SANCTIONS WITH
24 RESPECT TO THE POPULAR RESISTANCE COMMITTEES.—

25 On and after the date that is 90 days after the date of

1 enactment of this Act, the President shall impose the
2 measures described in subsection (d) with respect to—

3 (1) the Popular Resistance Committees;

4 (2) any foreign person that is an official, agent,
5 or affiliate of a foreign person described in para-
6 graph (1);

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

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

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

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

18 (A) BLOCKING OF PROPERTY.—The Presi-
19 dent shall exercise all of the powers granted to
20 the President under the International Emer-
21 gency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et
22 seq.) to the extent necessary to block and pro-
23 hibit all transactions in property and interests
24 in property of the person if such property and
25 interests in property are in the United States,

1 come within the United States, or are or come
2 within the possession or control of a United
3 States person.

4 (B) ALIENS INADMISSABLE FOR VISAS, AD-
5 MISSION, OR PAROLE.—

6 (i) VISAS, ADMISSION, OR PAROLE.—

7 An alien who the Secretary of State or the
8 Secretary of Homeland Security (or a des-
9 ignee of one of such Secretaries) knows, or
10 has reason to believe, is described in sub-
11 section (b) is—

12 (I) inadmissible to the United
13 States;

14 (II) ineligible to receive a visa or
15 other documentation to enter the
16 United States; and

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

22 (ii) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—

23 (I) IN GENERAL.—The issuing
24 consular officer, the Secretary of
25 State, or the Secretary of Homeland

1 Security (or a designee of one of such
2 Secretaries) shall, in accordance with
3 section 221(i) of the Immigration and
4 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1201(i)),
5 revoke any visa or other entry docu-
6 mentation issued to an alien described
7 in clause (i) regardless of when the
8 visa or other entry documentation is
9 issued.

10 (II) EFFECT OF REVOCATION.—

11 A revocation under subclause (I) shall
12 take effect immediately and shall
13 automatically cancel any other valid
14 visa or entry documentation that is in
15 the alien's possession.

16 (2) EXCEPTIONS.—

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

1 United Nations and the United States, or other
2 applicable international obligations.

3 (B) EXCEPTION FOR INTELLIGENCE, LAW
4 ENFORCEMENT, AND NATIONAL SECURITY AC-
5 TIVITIES.—Sanctions under paragraph (1) shall
6 not apply to any authorized intelligence, law en-
7 forcement, or national security activities of the
8 United States.

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

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

23 (f) WAIVER.—The President may, for one or more
24 periods of not more than 180 days each, waive the applica-
25 tion of sanctions or restrictions imposed with respect to

1 a foreign person under this section if the President cer-
2 tifies to the appropriate congressional committees, not
3 later than 15 days before such waiver takes effect, that
4 the waiver is vital to the national security interests of the
5 United States.

6 (g) TERMINATION.—Sanctions under this section
7 may be terminated with respect to any foreign person if
8 the President certifies to the appropriate congressional
9 committees that—

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

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

18 (h) REPORT ON THE DESIGNATION OF THE LION'S
19 DEN AND THE POPULAR RESISTANCE COMMITTEES AS
20 SPECIALLY DESIGNATED GLOBAL TERRORISTS.—

21 (1) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

22 (A) Since its founding in 2022, Lion's Den
23 has carried out a number of terror attacks in-
24 cluding over 61 shooting attacks against Israeli
25 soldiers and civilians.

1 (B) The group's ranks include former
2 operatives from Hamas, Palestinian Islamic
3 Jihad, and the Popular Front for the Libera-
4 tion of Palestine, all of which are designated
5 foreign terrorist organizations (FTO).

6 (C) Lion's Den receives funds from des-
7 ignated FTOs Hamas and Palestinian Islamic
8 Jihad.

9 (2) INITIAL REPORT.—

10 (A) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than
11 90 days after the date of the enactment of this
12 Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to the
13 appropriate committees of Congress—

14 (i) a detailed report on whether—

15 (I) the Lion's Den meets the cri-
16 teria for designation as a Specially
17 Designated Global Terrorist pursuant
18 to Executive Order No. 13224 (relat-
19 ing to blocking property and prohib-
20 iting transactions with persons who
21 commit, threaten to commit, or sup-
22 port terrorism) and the criteria for
23 designation as a foreign terrorist or-
24 ganization as set forth in section 219

1 of the Immigration and Nationality
2 Act (8 U.S.C. 1189); and

3 (II) the Popular Resistance Com-
4 mittees meet as a Specially Des-
5 ignated Global Terrorist pursuant to
6 Executive Order No. 13224; and

7 (ii) if the Secretary reaches a negative
8 determination with respect to any of the
9 entities listed in subparagraph (A), a de-
10 tailed justification as to which criteria have
11 not been met.

12 (B) FORM.—The report required by para-
13 graph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified
14 form, but may include a classified annex.

15 (3) ONGOING DETERMINATIONS REQUIRED.—
16 Not later than 1 year after the date of the enact-
17 ment of this Act, and every 2 years thereafter, the
18 Secretary of State shall submit to the appropriate
19 committees of Congress a report that—

20 (A) identifies each new entity operating
21 under the umbrella of the Popular Resistance
22 Committees or any successor of the Popular Re-
23 sistance Committees;

24 (B) includes a determination whether each
25 such entity meets the criteria—

1 (i) for designation as a Specially Des-
2 ignated Global Terrorist pursuant to Exec-
3 utive Order No. 13224 (relating to block-
4 ing property and prohibiting transactions
5 with persons who commit, threaten to com-
6 mit, or support terrorism);

7 (ii) for designation as a foreign ter-
8 rorist organization as set forth in section
9 219 of the Immigration and Nationality
10 Act (8 U.S.C. 1189); or

11 (iii) for the imposition of sanctions
12 under section 2 of this Act; and

13 (C) if the Secretary reaches a negative de-
14 termination pursuant to any subparagraph of
15 paragraph (2) with respect to any of the enti-
16 ties identified pursuant to paragraph (1), a de-
17 tailed justification as to which criteria for such
18 designation or imposition have not been met.

19 (i) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
20 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
21 sional committees” means

22 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
23 Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Rep-
24 resentatives; and

1 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
2 the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate.

