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To direct the President to establish the interagency Afghan Threat Finance Cell.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LYNCH (for himself and Mr. TAYLOR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

To direct the President to establish the interagency Afghan Threat Finance Cell.

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 “Afghan Threat Fi-
5 nance Cell Establishment Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF AFGHAN THREAT FINANCE**

7 **CELL.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after
9 the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall

1 establish an interagency organization to be known as the
2 “Afghan Threat Finance Cell”.

3 (b) MISSION.—The mission of the Afghan Threat Fi-
4 nance Cell shall be to identify, disrupt, and eliminate illicit
5 financial networks in Afghanistan, particularly such net-
6 works involved in narcotics trafficking, illicit financial
7 transactions, official corruption, and terrorist networks.

8 (c) ORGANIZATION.—

9 (1) MEMBERSHIP.—The Afghan Threat Fi-
10 nance Cell shall consist of representatives from ele-
11 ments of the United States Government as follows:

12 (A) The Department of the Treasury.

13 (B) The Drug Enforcement Administra-
14 tion.

15 (C) The Department of State.

16 (D) The Department of Defense.

17 (E) The Federal Bureau of Investigation.

18 (F) The Internal Revenue Service.

19 (G) The Department of Homeland Secu-
20 rity.

21 (H) The Defense Intelligence Agency.

22 (I) The Office of Foreign Assets Control of
23 the Department of the Treasury.

24 (J) The Central Intelligence Agency.

1 (K) Any other law enforcement agency or
2 element of the intelligence community that the
3 Secretary of the Treasury, the Administrator of
4 the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the
5 Secretary of Defense jointly determine appro-
6 priate.

7 (2) LEAD AGENCIES.—The Department of the
8 Treasury shall serve as the lead agency of the Af-
9 ghan Threat Finance Cell. The Drug Enforcement
10 Administration and the Department of Defense shall
11 serve as the co-deputy lead agencies of the Afghan
12 Threat Finance Cell.

13 (d) COORDINATION.—The Afghan Threat Finance
14 Cell shall regularly coordinate and consult with regional
15 Financial Intelligence Units, the international Financial
16 Action Task Force, and the Special Inspector General for
17 Afghanistan Reconstruction.

18 (e) BRIEFINGS.—

19 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than one year
20 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and an-
21 nually thereafter, the Afghan Threat Finance Cell
22 shall provide to the appropriate congressional com-
23 mittees a briefing on the activities of the Afghan
24 Threat Finance Cell.

1 (2) MATTERS INCLUDED.—Each briefing under
2 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

3 (A) An assessment of the activities under-
4 taken by, and the effectiveness of, the Afghan
5 Threat Finance Cell in identifying, disrupting,
6 eliminating illicit financial networks in Afghani-
7 stan, particularly such networks involved in
8 narcotics trafficking, illicit financial trans-
9 actions, official corruption, and terrorist net-
10 works.

11 (B) Any recommendations to Congress re-
12 garding legislative or regulatory improvements
13 necessary to support the identification, disrup-
14 tion, and elimination of illicit financial networks
15 in Afghanistan.

16 (3) FORM.—A briefing under paragraph (1)
17 may be provided in a classified form.

18 (4) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
19 TEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “ap-
20 propriate congressional committees” means—

21 (A) The Committee on Financial Services,
22 the Committee on Reform, the Committee on
23 the Judiciary, and the Committee on Armed
24 Services of the House of Representatives.

1 (B) The Committee on Banking, Housing,
2 and Urban Affairs, the Committee on Home-
3 land Security and Governmental Affairs, the
4 Committee on the Judiciary, and the Com-
5 mittee on Armed Services of the Senate.

6 (f) TERMINATION.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by para-
8 graph (2), the Afghan Threat Finance Cell shall ter-
9 minate on the date that is three years after the date
10 of the enactment of this Act.

11 (2) EXTENSION.—The President may extend
12 the date under paragraph (1) by an additional two
13 years.

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