

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 1677
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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.

2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
3 “Caesar Syria Civilian Protection Act of 2017”.

4 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
5 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title and table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Sense of Congress.
- Sec. 3. Statement of policy.

TITLE I—ADDITIONAL ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE
NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO SYRIA

- Sec. 101. Sanctions with respect to Central Bank of Syria and foreign persons that engage in certain transactions.
- Sec. 102. Prohibitions with respect to the transfer of arms and related materials to Syria.
- Sec. 103. Rule of construction.
- Sec. 104. Definitions.

TITLE II—AMENDMENTS TO SYRIA HUMAN RIGHTS
ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2012

- Sec. 201. Imposition of sanctions with respect to certain persons who are responsible for or complicit in human rights abuses committed against citizens of Syria or their family members.
- Sec. 202. Imposition of sanctions with respect to the transfer of goods or technologies to Syria that are likely to be used to commit human rights abuses.
- Sec. 203. Imposition of sanctions with respect to persons who hinder humanitarian access.
- Sec. 204. Report on certain persons who are responsible for or complicit in certain human rights abuses in Syria.

TITLE III—REPORTS AND WAIVER FOR HUMANITARIAN-RELATED
ACTIVITIES WITH RESPECT TO SYRIA

- Sec. 301. Briefing on monitoring and evaluating of ongoing assistance programs in Syria and to the Syrian people.
- Sec. 302. Assessment of potential methods to enhance the protection of civilians.
- Sec. 303. Assistance to support entities taking actions relating to gathering evidence for investigations into war crimes or crimes against humanity in Syria since March 2011.

TITLE IV—SUSPENSION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO SYRIA

- Sec. 401. Suspension of sanctions with respect to Syria.
- Sec. 402. Waivers and exemptions.

TITLE V—REGULATORY AUTHORITY, COST LIMITATION, AND
SUNSET

- Sec. 501. Implementation and regulatory authorities.
- Sec. 502. Cost limitation.
- Sec. 503. Authority to consolidate reports.
- Sec. 504. Sunset.

1 SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

2 It is the sense of Congress that—

3 (1) Bashar al-Assad’s murderous actions
4 against the people of Syria have directly contributed
5 to the deaths of more than 480,000 civilians, led to
6 the destruction of more than 50 percent of Syria’s
7 critical infrastructure, and forced the displacement
8 of more than 14,000,000 people, precipitating one of
9 the worst humanitarian crises in more than 60
10 years;

11 (2) international actions to protect vulnerable
12 populations from attack by uniformed and irregular
13 forces associated with the Assad regime, including
14 Hezbollah, on land and by air, including through the
15 use of barrel bombs, chemical weapons, mass starva-

1 tion, industrial-scale torture and execution of polit-
2 ical dissidents, sniper attacks against pregnant
3 women, and the deliberate targeting of medical fa-
4 cilities, schools, residential areas, and community
5 gathering places, including markets, have been insuf-
6 ficient to date;

7 (3) Assad's use of chemical weapons, including
8 chlorine, against the Syrian people violates the
9 Chemical Weapons Convention, to which Syria is a
10 party;

11 (4) Assad's abhorrent use of chemical weapons,
12 most recently on April 4, 2017, in an attack on the
13 town of Khan Shakhyn in which more than 90 peo-
14 ple died, including women and children, and more
15 than 600 hundred people were injured, is condemned
16 in the strongest terms;

17 (5) violent attacks resulting in death, injury,
18 imprisonment or threat of prosecution against hu-
19 manitarian aid workers and diplomatic personnel, as
20 well as attacks on humanitarian supplies, facilities,
21 transports, and assets, and acts to impede the access
22 and secure movement of all humanitarian personnel
23 are in violation of international humanitarian law
24 and impede the lifesaving work of humanitarian or-
25 ganizations and diplomatic institutions; and

1 (6) Assad’s continued claim of leadership and
2 war crimes in Syria have served as a rallying point
3 for the extremist ideology of the Islamic State,
4 Jabhat al-Nusra, and other terrorist organizations.

5 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

6 It is the policy of the United States that all diplo-
7 matic and coercive economic means should be utilized to
8 compel the government of Bashar al-Assad to immediately
9 halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people and to
10 support an immediate transition to a democratic govern-
11 ment in Syria that respects the rule of law, human rights,
12 and peaceful co-existence with its neighbors.

13 **TITLE I—ADDITIONAL ACTIONS**
14 **IN CONNECTION WITH THE**
15 **NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH**
16 **RESPECT TO SYRIA**

17 **SEC. 101. SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO CENTRAL BANK**
18 **OF SYRIA AND FOREIGN PERSONS THAT EN-**
19 **GAGE IN CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS.**

20 (a) APPLICATION OF CERTAIN MEASURES TO CEN-
21 TRAL BANK OF SYRIA.—Except as provided in subsections
22 (a) and (b) of section 402, the President shall apply the
23 measures described in section 5318A(b)(5) of title 31,
24 United States Code, to the Central Bank of Syria.

1 (b) BLOCKING PROPERTY OF FOREIGN PERSONS
2 THAT ENGAGE IN CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on and after the
4 date that is 30 days after the date of the enactment
5 of this Act, the President shall impose on a foreign
6 person the sanctions described in subsection (c) if
7 the President determines that such foreign person,
8 on or after such date of enactment, knowingly en-
9 gages in an activity described in paragraph (2).

10 (2) ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED.—A foreign person
11 engages in an activity described in this paragraph if
12 the foreign person—

13 (A) knowingly provides significant finan-
14 cial, material or technological support to (in-
15 cluding engaging in or facilitating a significant
16 transaction or transactions with) or provides
17 significant financial services for—

18 (i) the Government of Syria (including
19 government entities operating as a busi-
20 ness enterprise) and the Central Bank of
21 Syria, or any of its agencies or instrumen-
22 talities; or

23 (ii) a foreign person subject to sanc-
24 tions pursuant to—

1 (I) the International Emergency
2 Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C.
3 1701 et seq.) with respect to Syria or
4 any other provision of law that im-
5 poses sanctions with respect to Syria;
6 or

7 (II) a resolution that is agreed to
8 by the United Nations Security Coun-
9 cil that imposes sanctions with respect
10 to Syria;

11 (B) knowingly—

12 (i) sells or provides significant goods,
13 services, technology, information, or other
14 support that directly and significantly fa-
15 cilitates the maintenance or expansion of
16 the Government of Syria's domestic pro-
17 duction of natural gas or petroleum or pe-
18 troleum products of Syrian origin in areas
19 controlled by the Government of Syria or
20 associated forces;

21 (ii) sells or provides to the Govern-
22 ment of Syria crude oil or condensate, re-
23 fined petroleum products, liquefied natural
24 gas, or petrochemical products that have a
25 fair market value of \$500,000 or more or

1 that during a 12-month period have an ag-
2 gregate fair market value of \$2,000,000 or
3 more in areas controlled by the Govern-
4 ment of Syria or associated forces;

5 (iii) sells or provides aircraft or spare
6 parts, or provides significant goods, serv-
7 ices, or technologies associated with the op-
8 eration of such aircraft or air carriers to
9 any foreign person operating in areas con-
10 trolled by the Government of Syria or asso-
11 ciated forces that are used, in whole or in
12 part, for military purposes; or

13 (iv) sells or provides significant goods,
14 services, or technology to a foreign person
15 operating in the shipping (including ports
16 and free trade zones), transportation, or
17 telecommunications sectors in areas con-
18 trolled by the Government of Syria or asso-
19 ciated forces;

20 (C) knowingly facilitates efforts by a for-
21 eign person to carry out an activity described in
22 subparagraph (A) or (B); or

23 (D) knowingly provides significant loans,
24 credits, including export credits, or financing to

1 carry out an activity described in subparagraph
2 (A) or (B).

3 (c) SANCTIONS AGAINST A FOREIGN PERSON.—The
4 sanctions to be imposed on a foreign person described in
5 subsection (b) are the following:

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall exercise
7 all of the powers granted to the President under the
8 International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50
9 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) to the extent necessary to block
10 and prohibit all transactions in property and inter-
11 ests in property of the foreign person if such prop-
12 erty and interests in property are in the United
13 States, come within the United States, or are or
14 come within the possession or control of a United
15 States person.

16 (2) ALIENS INELIGIBLE FOR VISAS, ADMISSION,
17 OR PAROLE.—

18 (A) VISAS, ADMISSION, OR PAROLE.—An
19 alien who the Secretary of State or the Sec-
20 retary of Homeland Security (or a designee of
21 one of such Secretaries) knows, or has reason
22 to believe, meets any of the criteria described in
23 subsection (a) is—

24 (i) inadmissible to the United States;

1 (ii) ineligible to receive a visa or other
2 documentation to enter the United States;
3 and

4 (iii) otherwise ineligible to be admitted
5 or paroled into the United States or to re-
6 ceive any other benefit under the Immigra-
7 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et
8 seq.).

9 (B) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—

10 (i) IN GENERAL.—The issuing con-
11 sular officer, the Secretary of State, or the
12 Secretary of Homeland Security (or a des-
13 ignee of one of such Secretaries) shall re-
14 voke any visa or other entry documentation
15 issued to an alien who meets any of the
16 criteria described in subsection (a) regard-
17 less of when issued.

18 (ii) EFFECT OF REVOCATION.—A rev-
19 ocation under clause (i)—

20 (I) shall take effect immediately;
21 and

22 (II) shall automatically cancel
23 any other valid visa or entry docu-
24 mentation that is in the alien's pos-
25 session.

1 (3) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH UNITED NA-
2 TIONS HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT.—Sanctions
3 under paragraph (2) shall not apply to an alien if
4 admitting the alien into the United States is nec-
5 essary to permit the United States to comply with
6 the Agreement regarding the Headquarters of the
7 United Nations, signed at Lake Success June 26,
8 1947, and entered into force November 21, 1947,
9 between the United Nations and the United States,
10 or other applicable international obligations.

11 (4) PENALTIES.—The penalties provided for in
12 subsections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the Inter-
13 national Emergency Economic Powers Act (50
14 U.S.C. 1705) shall apply to a person that knowingly
15 violates, attempts to violate, conspires to violate, or
16 causes a violation of regulations promulgated under
17 section 501(a) to carry out paragraph (1) of this
18 subsection to the same extent that such penalties
19 apply to a person that knowingly commits an unlaw-
20 ful act described in section 206(a) of that Act.

21 **SEC. 102. PROHIBITIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE TRANSFER**
22 **OF ARMS AND RELATED MATERIALS TO**
23 **SYRIA.**

24 (a) SANCTIONS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on and after the
2 date that is 30 days after the date of the enactment
3 of this Act, the President shall impose on a foreign
4 person the sanctions described in subsection (b) if
5 the President determines that such foreign person,
6 on or after such date of enactment, knowingly ex-
7 ports, transfers, or provides significant financial,
8 material, or technological support to the Government
9 of Syria to—

10 (A) acquire or develop chemical, biological,
11 or nuclear weapons or related technologies;

12 (B) acquire or develop ballistic or cruise
13 missile capabilities;

14 (C) acquire or develop destabilizing num-
15 bers and types of advanced conventional weap-
16 ons; or

17 (D) acquire defense articles, defense serv-
18 ices, or defense information (as such terms are
19 defined under the Arms Export Control Act (22
20 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.)), if the President deter-
21 mines that a significant type or amount of such
22 articles, services, or information has been so ac-
23 quired.

24 (2) APPLICABILITY TO OTHER FOREIGN PER-
25 SONS.—The sanctions described in subsection (b)

1 shall also be imposed on any foreign person that is
2 a successor entity to a foreign person described in
3 paragraph (1).

4 (b) SANCTIONS AGAINST A FOREIGN PERSON.—The
5 sanctions to be imposed on a foreign person described in
6 subsection (a) are the following:

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall exercise
8 all powers granted by the International Emergency
9 Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) to
10 the extent necessary to freeze and prohibit all trans-
11 actions in all property and interests in property of
12 the foreign person if such property and interests in
13 property are in the United States, come within the
14 United States, or are or come within the possession
15 or control of a United States person.

16 (2) ALIENS INELIGIBLE FOR VISAS, ADMISSION,
17 OR PAROLE.—

18 (A) VISAS, ADMISSION, OR PAROLE.—An
19 alien who the Secretary of State or the Sec-
20 retary of Homeland Security (or a designee of
21 one of such Secretaries) knows, or has reason
22 to believe, meets any of the criteria described in
23 subsection (a) is—

24 (i) inadmissible to the United States;

1 (ii) ineligible to receive a visa or other
2 documentation to enter the United States;
3 and

4 (iii) otherwise ineligible to be admitted
5 or paroled into the United States or to re-
6 ceive any other benefit under the Immigra-
7 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et
8 seq.).

9 (B) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—

10 (i) IN GENERAL.—The issuing con-
11 sular officer, the Secretary of State, or the
12 Secretary of Homeland Security (or a des-
13 ignee of one of such Secretaries) shall re-
14 voke any visa or other entry documentation
15 issued to an alien who meets any of the
16 criteria described in subsection (a) regard-
17 less of when issued.

18 (ii) EFFECT OF REVOCATION.—A rev-
19 ocation under clause (i)—

20 (I) shall take effect immediately;
21 and

22 (II) shall automatically cancel
23 any other valid visa or entry docu-
24 mentation that is in the alien's pos-
25 session.

1 (3) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH UNITED NA-
2 TIONS HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT.—Sanctions
3 under paragraph (2) shall not apply to an alien if
4 admitting the alien into the United States is nec-
5 essary to permit the United States to comply with
6 the Agreement regarding the Headquarters of the
7 United Nations, signed at Lake Success June 26,
8 1947, and entered into force November 21, 1947,
9 between the United Nations and the United States,
10 or other applicable international obligations.

11 (4) PENALTIES.—A person that violates, at-
12 tempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a
13 violation of any regulation, license, or order issued
14 to carry out this section shall be subject to the pen-
15 alties set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of section
16 206 of the International Emergency Economic Pow-
17 ers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) to the same extent as a
18 person that commits an unlawful act described in
19 subsection (a) of that section.

20 **SEC. 103. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

21 Nothing in this title shall be construed to limit the
22 authority of the President pursuant to the International
23 Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et
24 seq.).

1 **SEC. 104. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this title:

3 (1) ADMITTED; ALIEN.—The terms “admitted”
4 and “alien” have the meanings given such terms in
5 section 101 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
6 (8 U.S.C. 1101).

7 (2) FINANCIAL, MATERIAL, OR TECHNOLOGICAL
8 SUPPORT.—The term “financial, material, or techno-
9 logical support” has the meaning given such term in
10 section 542.304 of title 31, Code of Federal Regula-
11 tions, as such section was in effect on the date of
12 the enactment of this Act.

13 (3) FOREIGN PERSON.—The term “foreign per-
14 son” means any citizen or national of a foreign
15 country, or any entity not organized solely under the
16 laws of the United States or existing solely in the
17 United States.

18 (4) GOVERNMENT OF SYRIA.—The term “Gov-
19 ernment of Syria” has the meaning given such term
20 in section 542.305 of title 31, Code of Federal Reg-
21 ulations, as such section was in effect on the date
22 of the enactment of this Act.

23 (5) KNOWINGLY.—The term “knowingly” has
24 the meaning given such term in section 566.312 of
25 title 31, Code of Federal Regulations, as such sec-

1 tion was in effect on the date of the enactment of
2 this Act.

3 (6) PERSON.—The term “person” means an in-
4 dividual or entity.

5 (7) PETROLEUM OR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS OF
6 SYRIAN ORIGIN.—The term “petroleum or petroleum
7 products of Syrian origin” has the meaning given
8 such term in section 542.314 of title 31, Code of
9 Federal Regulations, as such section was in effect on
10 the date of the enactment of this Act.

11 (8) SIGNIFICANT TRANSACTION OR TRANS-
12 ACTIONS; SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL SERVICES.—A
13 transaction or transactions or financial services shall
14 be determined to be a significant for purposes of this
15 section in accordance with section 566.404 of title
16 31, Code of Federal Regulations, as such section
17 was in effect on the date of the enactment of this
18 Act.

19 (9) SYRIA.—The term “Syria” has the meaning
20 given such term in section 542.316 of title 31, Code
21 of Federal Regulations, as such section was in effect
22 on the date of the enactment of this Act.

23 (10) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term
24 “United States person” means any United States
25 citizen, permanent resident alien, entity organized

1 under the laws of the United States (including for-
2 eign branches), or any person in the United States.

3 **TITLE II—AMENDMENTS TO**
4 **SYRIA HUMAN RIGHTS AC-**
5 **COUNTABILITY ACT OF 2012**

6 **SEC. 201. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO**
7 **CERTAIN PERSONS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE**
8 **FOR OR COMPLICIT IN HUMAN RIGHTS**
9 **ABUSES COMMITTED AGAINST CITIZENS OF**
10 **SYRIA OR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 702(c) of the Syria
12 Human Rights Accountability Act of 2012 (22 U.S.C.
13 8791(c)) is amended to read as follows:

14 “(c) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall exer-
16 cise all powers granted by the International Emer-
17 gency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et
18 seq.) to the extent necessary to freeze and prohibit
19 all transactions in all property and interests in prop-
20 erty of a person on the list required by subsection
21 (b) if such property and interests in property are in
22 the United States, come within the United States, or
23 are or come within the possession or control of a
24 United States person.

1 “(2) ALIENS INELIGIBLE FOR VISAS, ADMIS-
2 SION, OR PAROLE.—

3 “(A) VISAS, ADMISSION, OR PAROLE.—An
4 alien who the Secretary of State or the Sec-
5 retary of Homeland Security (or a designee of
6 one of such Secretaries) knows, or has reason
7 to believe, meets any of the criteria described in
8 subsection (b) is—

9 “(i) inadmissible to the United States;

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

13 “(iii) otherwise ineligible to be admit-
14 ted or paroled into the United States or to
15 receive any other benefit under the Immi-
16 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
17 1101 et seq.).

18 “(B) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—

19 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The issuing con-
20 sular officer, the Secretary of State, or the
21 Secretary of Homeland Security (or a des-
22 ignee of one of such Secretaries) shall re-
23 voke any visa or other entry documentation
24 issued to an alien who meets any of the

1 criteria described in subsection (b) regard-
2 less of when issued.

3 “(ii) EFFECT OF REVOCATION.—A
4 revocation under clause (i)—

5 “(I) shall take effect imme-
6 diately; and

7 “(II) shall automatically cancel
8 any other valid visa or entry docu-
9 mentation that is in the alien’s pos-
10 session.

11 “(3) PENALTIES.—A person that violates, at-
12 tempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a
13 violation of this section or any regulation, license, or
14 order issued to carry out this section shall be subject
15 to the penalties set forth in subsections (b) and (c)
16 of section 206 of the International Emergency Eco-
17 nomic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) to the same ex-
18 tent as a person that commits an unlawful act de-
19 scribed in subsection (a) of that section.

20 “(4) REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—The President
21 shall, not later than 180 days after the date of the
22 enactment of this section, promulgate regulations as
23 necessary for the implementation of this section.

24 “(5) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH UNITED NA-
25 TIONS HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT.—Sanctions

1 under paragraph (2) shall not apply to an alien if
2 admitting the alien into the United States is nec-
3 essary to permit the United States to comply with
4 the Agreement regarding the Headquarters of the
5 United Nations, signed at Lake Success June 26,
6 1947, and entered into force November 21, 1947,
7 between the United Nations and the United States,
8 or other applicable international obligations.

9 “(6) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
10 this section shall be construed to limit the authority
11 of the President pursuant to the International
12 Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701
13 et seq.), relevant Executive orders, regulations, or
14 other provisions of law.”.

15 (b) SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES DESCRIBED.—
16 Section 702 of the Syria Human Rights Accountability
17 Act of 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8791) is amended by adding at
18 the end the following:

19 “(d) SERIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES DE-
20 SCRIBED.—In subsection (b), the term ‘serious human
21 rights abuses’ includes—

22 “(1) the deliberate targeting of civilian infra-
23 structure to include schools, hospitals, markets, and
24 other infrastructure that is essential to human life,
25 such as power and water systems; and

1 “(2) the deliberate diversion, hindering, or
2 blocking of access for humanitarian purposes, in-
3 cluding access across conflict lines and borders.”.

4 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
5 subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect on the date of
6 the enactment of this Act and shall apply with respect to
7 the imposition of sanctions under section 702(a) of the
8 Syria Human Rights Accountability Act of 2012 on after
9 such date of enactment.

10 **SEC. 202. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO**
11 **THE TRANSFER OF GOODS OR TECH-**
12 **NOLOGIES TO SYRIA THAT ARE LIKELY TO BE**
13 **USED TO COMMIT HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES.**

14 Section 703(b)(2)(C) of the Syria Human Rights Ac-
15 countability Act of 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8792(b)(2)(C)) is
16 amended—

17 (1) in clause (i), by striking “or” at the end;

18 (2) in clause (ii), by striking the period at the
19 end and inserting a semicolon; and

20 (3) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(iii) any article—

22 “(I) designated by the President
23 for purposes of the United States Mu-
24 nitions List under section 38(a)(1) of

1 the Arms Export Control Act (22
2 U.S.C. 2778(a)(1)); and

3 “(II) with respect to which the
4 President determines is significant for
5 purposes of the imposition of sanc-
6 tions under subsection (a); or

7 “(iv) other goods or technologies that
8 the President determines may be used by
9 the Government of Syria to commit human
10 rights abuses against the people of Syria.”.

11 **SEC. 203. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO**
12 **PERSONS WHO HINDER HUMANITARIAN AC-**
13 **CESS.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Syria Human Rights Ac-
15 countability Act of 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8791 et seq.) is
16 amended—

17 (1) by redesignating sections 705 and 706 as
18 sections 706 and 707, respectively;

19 (2) by inserting after section 704 the following:

20 **“SEC. 705. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO**
21 **PERSONS WHO HINDER HUMANITARIAN AC-**
22 **CESS.**

23 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall impose sanc-
24 tions described in section 702(c) with respect to each per-
25 son on the list required by subsection (b).

1 “(b) LIST OF PERSONS WHO HINDER HUMANI-
2 TARIAN ACCESS.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days
4 after the date of the enactment of the Caesar Syria
5 Civilian Protection Act of 2017, the President shall
6 submit to the appropriate congressional committees
7 a list of persons that the President determines have
8 engaged in deliberate diversion, hindering, or block-
9 ing of access for humanitarian purposes for the
10 United Nations, its specialized agencies and imple-
11 menting partners, national and international non-
12 governmental organizations, and all other actors en-
13 gaged in humanitarian relief activities in Syria, in-
14 cluding through the deliberate targeting of such hu-
15 manitarian actors and activities in Syria and across
16 conflict lines and borders.

17 “(2) UPDATES OF LIST.—The President shall
18 submit to the appropriate congressional committees
19 an updated list under paragraph (1)—

20 “(A) not later than 300 days after the date
21 of the enactment of the Caesar Syria Civilian
22 Protection Act of 2017 and every 180 days
23 thereafter; and

24 “(B) as new information becomes avail-
25 able.

1 “(3) FORM.—The list required by paragraph
2 (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may
3 contain a classified annex.”; and

4 (3) in section 706 (as so redesignated), by
5 striking “or 704” and inserting “704, or 705”.

6 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
7 for the Syria Human Rights Accountability Act of 2012
8 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section
9 704 the following new item:

 “Sec. 705. Imposition of sanctions with respect to persons who hinder humani-
 tarian access.”.

10 **SEC. 204. REPORT ON CERTAIN PERSONS WHO ARE RE-**
11 **SPONSIBLE FOR OR COMPLICIT IN CERTAIN**
12 **HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN SYRIA.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the
14 date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall sub-
15 mit to the appropriate congressional committees a detailed
16 report with respect to whether each person described in
17 subsection (c) meets the requirements described in section
18 702(b) of the Syria Human Rights Accountability Act of
19 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8791(b)) for purposes of inclusion on the
20 list of persons who are responsible for or complicit in cer-
21 tain human rights abuses under such section.

22 (b) JUSTIFICATION.—The President shall include in
23 the report required by subsection (a) a description of the
24 reasons why any of the persons described in subsection

1 (c) do not meet the requirements described in section
2 702(b) of the Syria Human Rights Accountability Act of
3 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8791(b)), including information on
4 whether sufficient credible evidence of responsibility for
5 such abuses was found or whether any of the persons de-
6 scribed in subsection (c) have been designated pursuant
7 to—

8 (1) Executive Order 13572 of April 29, 2011
9 (76 Fed. Reg. 24787; relating to blocking property
10 of certain persons with respect to human rights
11 abuses in Syria);

12 (2) Executive Order 13573 of May 18, 2011
13 (76 Fed. Reg. 29143; relating to blocking property
14 of senior officials of the Government of Syria);

15 (3) Executive Order 13582 of August 17, 2011
16 (76 Fed. Reg. 52209; relating to blocking property
17 of the Government of Syria and prohibiting certain
18 transactions with respect to Syria); or

19 (4) Executive Order 13606 of April 22, 2012
20 (77 Fed. Reg. 24571; relating to blocking the prop-
21 erty and suspending entry into the United States of
22 certain persons with respect to grave human rights
23 abuses by the Governments of Iran and Syria via in-
24 formation technology).

1 (c) PERSONS DESCRIBED.—The persons described in
2 this subsection are the following:

3 (1) Bashar Al-Assad.

4 (2) Asma Al-Assad.

5 (3) Rami Makhlof.

6 (4) Bouthayna Shaaban.

7 (5) Walid Moallem.

8 (6) Ali Al-Salim.

9 (7) Wael Nader Al-Halqi.

10 (8) Jamil Hassan.

11 (9) Suhail Hassan.

12 (10) Ali Mamluk.

13 (11) Muhammed Khadour, Deir Ez Zor Mili-
14 tary and Security.

15 (12) Jamal Razzouq, Security Branch 243.

16 (13) Munzer Ghanam, Air Force Intelligence.

17 (14) Daas Hasan Ali, Branch 327.

18 (15) Jassem Ali Jassem Hamad, Political Secu-
19 rity.

20 (16) Samir Muhammad Youssef, Military Intel-
21 ligence.

22 (17) Ali Ahmad Dayoub, Air Force Intelligence.

23 (18) Khaled Muhsen Al-Halabi, Security
24 Branch 335.

25 (19) Mahmoud Kahila, Political Security.

- 1 (20) Zuhair Ahmad Hamad, Provincial Security.
- 2
- 3 (21) Wafiq Nasser, Security Branch 245.
- 4 (22) Qussay Mayoub, Air Force Intelligence.
- 5 (23) Muhammad Ammar Sardini, Political Security.
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- 7 (24) Fouad Hammouda, Military Security.
- 8 (25) Hasan Daaboul, Branch 261.
- 9 (26) Yahia Wahbi, Air Force Intelligence.
- 10 (27) Okab Saqer, Security Branch 318.
- 11 (28) Husam Luqa, Political Security.
- 12 (29) Sami Al-Hasan, Security Branch 219.
- 13 (30) Yassir Deeb, Political Security.
- 14 (31) Ibrahim Darwish, Security Branch 220.
- 15 (32) Nasser Deeb, Political Security.
- 16 (33) Abdullatif Al-Fahed, Security Branch 290.
- 17 (34) Adeeb Namer Salamah, Air Force Intelligence.
- 18
- 19 (35) Akram Muhammed, State Security.
- 20 (36) Reyad Abbas, Political Security.
- 21 (37) Ali Abdullah Ayoub, Syrian Armed Forces.
- 22 (38) Fahd Jassem Al-Freij, Defense Ministry.
- 23 (39) Issam Halaq, Air Force.
- 24 (40) Ghassan Al-Abdullah, General Intelligence
- 25 Directorate.

1 (41) Maher Al-Assad, Republican Guard.

2 (42) Fahad Al-Farouch.

3 (43) Rafiq Shahada, Military Intelligence.

4 (44) Loay Al-Ali, Military Intelligence.

5 (45) Nawfal Al-Husayn, Military Intelligence.

6 (46) Muhammad Zamrini, Military Intelligence.

7 (47) Muhammad Mahallah, Military Intel-
8 ligence.

9 (d) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
10 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain
11 a classified annex if necessary.

12 (e) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “appro-
13 priate congressional committees” means—

14 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
15 Committee on Financial Services, the Committee on
16 Ways and Means, and the Committee on the Judici-
17 ary of the House of Representatives; and

18 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the
19 Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Af-
20 fairs, the Committee on Finance, and the Committee
21 on the Judiciary of the Senate.

1 **TITLE III—REPORTS AND WAIV-**
2 **ER FOR HUMANITARIAN-RE-**
3 **LATED ACTIVITIES WITH RE-**
4 **SPECT TO SYRIA**

5 **SEC. 301. BRIEFING ON MONITORING AND EVALUATING OF**
6 **ONGOING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN SYRIA**
7 **AND TO THE SYRIAN PEOPLE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
10 and the Administrator of the United States Agency for
11 International Development shall brief the Committee on
12 Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the
13 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate on the
14 monitoring and evaluation of ongoing assistance programs
15 in Syria and for the Syrian people, including assistance
16 provided through multilateral organizations.

17 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The briefing re-
18 quired by subsection (a) shall include—

19 (1) the specific project monitoring and evalua-
20 tion efforts, including measurable goals and per-
21 formance metrics for assistance in Syria;

22 (2) a description of the memoranda of under-
23 standing entered into by the Department of State,
24 the United States Agency for International Develop-
25 ment, and their respective Inspectors General and

1 the multilateral organizations through which United
2 States assistance will be delivered that formalize re-
3 quirements for the sharing of information between
4 such entities for the conduct of audits, investiga-
5 tions, and evaluations; and

6 (3) the major challenges to monitoring and
7 evaluating such programs.

8 **SEC. 302. ASSESSMENT OF POTENTIAL METHODS TO EN-**
9 **HANCE THE PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
11 date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall sub-
12 mit to the appropriate congressional committees a report
13 that—

14 (1) assesses the potential effectiveness, risks,
15 and operational requirements of the establishment
16 and maintenance of a no-fly zone over part or all of
17 Syria, including—

18 (A) the operational and legal requirements
19 for United States and coalition air power to es-
20 tablish a no-fly zone in Syria;

21 (B) the impact a no-fly zone in Syria
22 would have on humanitarian and
23 counterterrorism efforts in Syria and the sur-
24 rounding region; and

1 (C) the potential for force contributions
2 from other countries to establish a no-fly zone
3 in Syria;

4 (2) assesses the potential effectiveness, risks,
5 and operational requirements for the establishment
6 of one or more safe zones in Syria for internally dis-
7 placed persons or for the facilitation of humani-
8 tarian assistance, including—

9 (A) the operational and legal requirements
10 for United States and coalition forces to estab-
11 lish one or more safe zones in Syria;

12 (B) the impact one or more safe zones in
13 Syria would have on humanitarian and
14 counterterrorism efforts in Syria and the sur-
15 rounding region; and

16 (C) the potential for contributions from
17 other countries and vetted non-state actor part-
18 ners to establish and maintain one or more safe
19 zones in Syria; and

20 (3) assesses the potential effectiveness, risks,
21 and operational requirements of other non-military
22 means to enhance the protection of civilians, espe-
23 cially civilians who are in besieged areas, trapped at
24 borders, or internally displaced.

1 (b) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
2 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain
3 a classified annex if necessary.

4 (c) CONSULTATION.—The report required by sub-
5 section (a) shall be informed by consultations with the De-
6 partment of State, the United States Agency for Inter-
7 national Development, the Department of Defense, and
8 international and local organizations operating in Syria or
9 in neighboring countries to alleviate the suffering of the
10 Syrian people.

11 (d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “appro-
12 priate congressional committees” means—

13 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
14 Committee on Armed Services of the House of Rep-
15 resentatives; and

16 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
17 the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate.

18 **SEC. 303. ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT ENTITIES TAKING AC-**
19 **TIONS RELATING TO GATHERING EVIDENCE**
20 **FOR INVESTIGATIONS INTO WAR CRIMES OR**
21 **CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY IN SYRIA SINCE**
22 **MARCH 2011.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
24 sion of law, the Secretary of State, acting through the As-
25 sistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights and

1 Labor and the Assistant Secretary for International Nar-
2 cotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, is authorized to pro-
3 vide assistance to support entities that are conducting
4 criminal investigations, building Syrian investigative ca-
5 pacity, supporting prosecutions in national courts, col-
6 lecting evidence and preserving the chain of evidence for
7 eventual prosecution against those who have committed
8 war crimes or crimes against humanity in Syria, including
9 the aiding and abetting of such crimes by foreign govern-
10 ments and organizations supporting the Government of
11 Syria, since March 2011.

12 (b) BRIEFING.—Not later than one year after the
13 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
14 shall brief the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House
15 of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Rela-
16 tions of the Senate on assistance provided under sub-
17 section (a).

18 **TITLE IV—SUSPENSION OF**
19 **SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT**
20 **TO SYRIA**

21 **SEC. 401. SUSPENSION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO**
22 **SYRIA.**

23 (a) SUSPENSION OF SANCTIONS.—

24 (1) NEGOTIATIONS NOT CONCLUDING IN
25 AGREEMENT.—If the President determines that

1 internationally recognized negotiations to resolve the
2 violence in Syria have not concluded in an agree-
3 ment or are likely not to conclude in an agreement,
4 the President may suspend, as appropriate, in whole
5 or in part, the imposition of sanctions otherwise re-
6 quired under this Act or any amendment made by
7 this Act for a period not to exceed 120 days, and re-
8 newable for additional periods not to exceed 120
9 days, if the President submits to the appropriate
10 congressional committees in writing a determination
11 and certification that the Government of Syria has
12 ended military attacks against and gross violations
13 of the human rights of the Syrian people, specifi-
14 cally—

15 (A) the air space over Syria is no longer
16 being utilized by the Government of Syria and
17 associated forces to target civilian populations
18 through the use of incendiary devices, including
19 barrel bombs, chemical weapons, and conven-
20 tional arms, including air-delivered missiles and
21 explosives;

22 (B) areas besieged by the Assad regime
23 and associated forces, including Hezbollah and
24 irregular Iranian forces, are no longer cut off
25 from international aid and have regular access

1 to humanitarian assistance, freedom of travel,
2 and medical care;

3 (C) the Government of Syria is releasing
4 all political prisoners forcibly held within the
5 Assad regime prison system, including the fa-
6 cilities maintained by various security, intel-
7 ligence, and military elements associated with
8 the Government of Syria and allowed full access
9 to the same facilities for investigations by ap-
10 propriate international human rights organiza-
11 tions; and

12 (D) the forces of the Government of Syria
13 and associated forces, including Hezbollah, ir-
14 regular Iranian forces, and Russian government
15 air assets, are no longer engaged in deliberate
16 targeting of medical facilities, schools, residen-
17 tial areas, and community gathering places, in-
18 cluding markets, in flagrant violation of inter-
19 national norms.

20 (2) NEGOTIATIONS CONCLUDING IN AGREE-
21 MENT.—

22 (A) INITIAL SUSPENSION OF SANCTIONS.—
23 If the President determines that internationally
24 recognized negotiations to resolve the violence
25 in Syria have concluded in an agreement or are

1 likely to conclude in an agreement, the Presi-
2 dent may suspend, as appropriate, in whole or
3 in part, the imposition of sanctions otherwise
4 required under this Act or any amendment
5 made by this Act for a period not to exceed 120
6 days if the President submits to the appropriate
7 congressional committees in writing a deter-
8 mination and certification that—

9 (i) in the case in which the negotia-
10 tions are likely to conclude in an agree-
11 ment—

12 (I) the Government of Syria, the
13 Syrian High Negotiations Committee
14 or its internationally-recognized suc-
15 cessor, and appropriate international
16 parties are participating in direct,
17 face-to-face negotiations; and

18 (II) the suspension of sanctions
19 under this Act or any amendment
20 made by this Act is essential to the
21 advancement of such negotiations; and

22 (ii) the Government of Syria has dem-
23 onstrated a commitment to a significant
24 and substantial reduction in attacks on
25 and violence against the Syrian people by

1 the Government of Syria and associated
2 forces.

3 (B) RENEWAL OF SUSPENSION OF SANC-
4 TIONS.—The President may renew a suspension
5 of sanctions under subparagraph (A) for addi-
6 tional periods not to exceed 120 days if, for
7 each such additional period, the President sub-
8 mits to the appropriate congressional commit-
9 tees in writing a determination and certification
10 that—

11 (i) the conditions described in clauses
12 (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (A) are con-
13 tinuing to be met;

14 (ii) the renewal of the suspension of
15 sanctions is essential to implementing an
16 agreement described in subparagraph (A)
17 or making progress toward concluding an
18 agreement described in subparagraph (A);

19 (iii) the Government of Syria and as-
20 sociated forces have ceased attacks against
21 Syrian civilians; and

22 (iv) the Government of Syria has pub-
23 licly committed to negotiations for a tran-
24 sitional government in Syria and continues
25 to demonstrate that commitment through

1 sustained engagement in talks and sub-
2 stantive and verifiable progress towards
3 the implementation of such an agreement.

4 (3) BRIEFING AND REIMPOSITION OF SANC-
5 TIONS.—

6 (A) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days
7 after the President submits to the appropriate
8 congressional committees a determination and
9 certification in the case of a renewal of suspen-
10 sion of sanctions under paragraph (2)(B), and
11 every 30 days thereafter, the President shall
12 provide a briefing to the appropriate congres-
13 sional committees on the status and frequency
14 of negotiations described in paragraph (2).

15 (B) RE-IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—If
16 the President provides a briefing to the appro-
17 priate congressional committees under subpara-
18 graph (A) with respect to which the President
19 indicates a lapse in negotiations described in
20 paragraph (2) for a period that equals or ex-
21 ceeds 90 days, the sanctions that were sus-
22 pended under paragraph (2)(B) shall be re-im-
23 posed and any further suspension of such sanc-
24 tions is prohibited.

1 (4) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
2 “appropriate congressional committees” means—

3 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
4 Committee on Financial Services, the Com-
5 mittee on Ways and Means, and the Committee
6 on the Judiciary of the House of Representa-
7 tives; and

8 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations,
9 the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
10 Urban Affairs, the Committee on Finance, and
11 the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate.

12 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR
13 DETERMINING A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT IN
14 SYRIA.—It is the sense of Congress that a transitional
15 government in Syria is a government that—

16 (1) is taking verifiable steps to release all polit-
17 ical prisoners and is providing full access to Syrian
18 prisons for investigations by appropriate inter-
19 national human rights organizations;

20 (2) is taking verifiable steps to remove former
21 senior Syrian Government officials who are complicit
22 in the conception, implementation, or cover up of
23 war crimes, crimes against humanity, or human
24 rights abuses and any person subject to sanctions

1 under any provision of law from government posi-
2 tions;

3 (3) is in the process of organizing free and fair
4 elections for a new government—

5 (A) to be held in a timely manner and
6 scheduled while the suspension of sanctions or
7 the renewal of the suspension of sanctions
8 under this section is in effect; and

9 (B) to be conducted under the supervision
10 of internationally recognized observers;

11 (4) is making tangible progress toward estab-
12 lishing an independent judiciary;

13 (5) is demonstrating respect for and compliance
14 with internationally recognized human rights and
15 basic freedoms as specified in the Universal Declara-
16 tion of Human Rights;

17 (6) is taking steps to verifiably fulfill its com-
18 mitments under the Chemical Weapons Convention
19 and the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear
20 Weapons and is making tangible progress toward be-
21 coming a signatory to Convention on the Prohibition
22 of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of
23 Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and
24 on their Destruction, entered into force March 26,

1 1975, and adhering to the Missile Technology Con-
2 trol Regime and other control lists, as necessary;

3 (7) has halted the development and deployment
4 of ballistic and cruise missiles; and

5 (8) is taking verifiable steps to remove from po-
6 sitions of authority within the intelligence and secu-
7 rity services as well as the military those who were
8 in a position of authority or responsibility during the
9 conflict and who under the authority of their posi-
10 tion were implicated in or implicit in the torture,
11 extrajudicial killing, or execution of civilians, to in-
12 clude those who were involved in decisionmaking or
13 execution of plans to use chemical weapons.

14 **SEC. 402. WAIVERS AND EXEMPTIONS.**

15 (a) EXEMPTIONS.—The following activities and
16 transactions shall be exempt from sanctions authorized
17 under this Act or any amendment made by this Act:

18 (1) Any activity subject to the reporting re-
19 quirements under title V of the National Security
20 Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3091 et seq.), or to any au-
21 thorized intelligence activities of the United States.

22 (2) Any transaction necessary to comply with
23 United States obligations under—

24 (A) the Agreement between the United Na-
25 tions and the United States of America regard-

1 ing the Headquarters of the United Nations,
2 signed at Lake Success June 26, 1947, and en-
3 tered into force November 21, 1947;

4 (B) the Convention on Consular Relations,
5 done at Vienna April 24, 1963, and entered
6 into force March 19, 1967; or

7 (C) any other international agreement to
8 which the United States is a party.

9 (b) HUMANITARIAN, STABILIZATION, AND DEMOC-
10 RACY ASSISTANCE WAIVER.—

11 (1) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It shall be the
12 policy of the United States to fully utilize the waiver
13 authority under this subsection to ensure that ade-
14 quate humanitarian relief or support for stabilization
15 and democracy promotion is provided to the Syrian
16 people.

17 (2) WAIVER.—Except as provided in paragraph
18 (5) and subsection (d), the President may waive, on
19 a case-by-case basis, for a period not to exceed one
20 year, and renewable for additional periods not to ex-
21 ceed one year, the application of sanctions author-
22 ized under this Act with respect to a person if the
23 President submits to the appropriate congressional
24 committees a written determination that the waiver
25 is necessary for purposes of providing humanitarian

1 or stabilization assistance or support for democracy
2 promotion to the people of Syria.

3 (3) CONTENT OF WRITTEN DETERMINATION.—

4 A written determination submitted under paragraph
5 (2) with respect to a waiver shall include a descrip-
6 tion of all notification and accountability controls
7 that have been employed in order to ensure that the
8 activities covered by the waiver are humanitarian or
9 stabilization assistance or support for democracy
10 promotion and do not entail any activities in Syria
11 or dealings with the Government of Syria not rea-
12 sonably related to humanitarian or stabilization as-
13 sistance or support for democracy promotion.

14 (4) CLARIFICATION OF PERMITTED ACTIVITIES
15 UNDER WAIVER.—The President may not impose
16 sanctions authorized under this Act against a hu-
17 manitarian organization for—

18 (A) engaging in a financial transaction re-
19 lating to humanitarian assistance or for human-
20 itarian purposes pursuant to a waiver issued
21 under paragraph (2);

22 (B) transporting goods or services that are
23 necessary to carry out operations relating to
24 humanitarian assistance or humanitarian pur-
25 poses pursuant to such a waiver; or

1 (C) having incidental contact, in the course
2 of providing humanitarian assistance or aid for
3 humanitarian purposes pursuant to such a
4 waiver, with individuals who are under the con-
5 trol of a foreign person subject to sanctions
6 under this Act or any amendment made by this
7 Act unless the organization or its officers, mem-
8 bers, representatives or employees have engaged
9 in (or the President knows or has reasonable
10 ground to believe is engaged in or is likely to
11 engage in) conduct described in section
12 212(a)(3)(B)(iv)(VI) of the Immigration and
13 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
14 1182(a)(3)(B)(iv)(VI)).

15 (5) EXCEPTION TO WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The
16 President may not exercise the waiver authority
17 under paragraph (2) with respect to a foreign person
18 who has (or whose officers, members, representatives
19 or employees have) engaged in (or the President
20 knows or has reasonable ground to believe is en-
21 gaged in or is likely to engage in) conduct described
22 in section 212(a)(3)(B)(iv)(VI) of the Immigration
23 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
24 1182(a)(3)(B)(iv)(VI)).

25 (c) WAIVER.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President may, for peri-
2 ods not to exceed 120 days, waive the application of
3 sanctions under this Act with respect to a foreign
4 person if the President certifies to the appropriate
5 congressional committees that such waiver is vital to
6 the national security interests of the United States.

7 (2) CONSULTATION.—

8 (A) BEFORE WAIVER ISSUED.—Not later
9 than 5 days before the issuance of a waiver
10 under paragraph (1) is to take effect, the Presi-
11 dent shall notify and brief the appropriate con-
12 gressional committees on the status of the for-
13 eign person’s involvement in activities described
14 in this Act.

15 (B) AFTER WAIVER ISSUED.—Not later
16 than 90 days after the issuance of a waiver
17 under paragraph (1), and every 120 days there-
18 after if the waiver remains in effect, the Presi-
19 dent shall brief the appropriate congressional
20 committees on the status of the foreign person’s
21 involvement in activities described in this Act.

22 (3) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
23 “appropriate congressional committees” means—

24 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
25 Committee on Financial Services, the Com-

1 committee on Ways and Means, and the Committee
2 on the Judiciary of the House of Representa-
3 tives; and

4 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations,
5 the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
6 Urban Affairs, the Committee on Finance, and
7 the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate.

8 (d) CODIFICATION OF CERTAIN SERVICES IN SUP-
9 PORT OF NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS' ACTIVI-
10 TIES AUTHORIZED.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
12 graph (2), section 542.516 of title 31, Code of Fed-
13 eral Regulations (relating to certain services in sup-
14 port of nongovernmental organizations' activities au-
15 thorized), as in effect on the day before the date of
16 the enactment of this Act, shall—

17 (A) remain in effect on and after such date
18 of enactment; and

19 (B) in the case of a nongovernmental orga-
20 nization that is authorized to export or reexport
21 services to Syria under such section on the day
22 before such date of enactment, shall apply to
23 such organization on and after such date of en-
24 actment to the same extent and in the same
25 manner as such section applied to such organi-

1 zation on the day before such date of enact-
2 ment.

3 (2) EXCEPTION.—Section 542.516 of title 31,
4 Code of Federal Regulations, as codified under para-
5 graph (1), shall not apply with respect to a foreign
6 person who has (or whose officers, members, rep-
7 resentatives or employees have) engaged in (or the
8 President knows or has reasonable ground to believe
9 is engaged in or is likely to engage in) conduct de-
10 scribed in section 212(a)(3)(B)(iv)(VI) of the Immi-
11 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
12 1182(a)(3)(B)(iv)(VI)).

13 (e) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
15 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
16 President shall submit to the appropriate congress-
17 sional committees a report containing a strategy to
18 ensure that humanitarian organizations can access
19 financial services to ensure the safe and timely deliv-
20 ery of assistance to communities in need in Syria.

21 (2) CONSIDERATION OF DATA FROM OTHER
22 COUNTRIES AND NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZA-
23 TIONS.—In preparing the strategy required by para-
24 graph (1), the President shall consider credible data
25 already obtained by other countries and nongovern-

1 mental organizations, including organizations oper-
2 ating in Syria.

3 (3) FORM.—The strategy required by para-
4 graph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form but
5 may contain a classified annex.

6 **TITLE V—REGULATORY AU-**
7 **THORITY, COST LIMITATION,**
8 **AND SUNSET**

9 **SEC. 501. IMPLEMENTATION AND REGULATORY AUTHORI-**
10 **TIES.**

11 (a) IMPLEMENTATION AUTHORITY.—The President
12 may exercise all authorities provided to the President
13 under sections 203 and 205 of the International Emer-
14 gency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704)
15 for purposes of carrying out this Act and the amendments
16 made by this Act.

17 (b) REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—The President shall,
18 not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment
19 of this Act, promulgate regulations as necessary for the
20 implementation of this Act and the amendments made by
21 this Act.

22 (c) BRIEFING TO CONGRESS.—Not less than 10 days
23 before the promulgation of regulations under subsection
24 (a), the President shall brief the appropriate congressional
25 committees on the proposed regulations and the provisions

1 of this Act and the amendments made by this Act that
2 the regulations are implementing.

3 (d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “appro-
4 priate congressional committees” means—

5 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
6 Committee on Financial Services of the House of
7 Representatives; and

8 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
9 the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Af-
10 fairs of the Senate.

11 **SEC. 502. COST LIMITATION.**

12 No additional funds are authorized to carry out the
13 requirements of this Act and the amendments made by
14 this Act. Such requirements shall be carried out using
15 amounts otherwise authorized.

16 **SEC. 503. AUTHORITY TO CONSOLIDATE REPORTS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Any reports required to be sub-
18 mitted to the appropriate congressional committees under
19 this Act or any amendment made by this Act that are sub-
20 ject to a deadline for submission consisting of the same
21 unit of time may be consolidated into a single report that
22 is submitted to appropriate congressional committees pur-
23 suant to such deadline. The consolidated reports shall con-
24 tain all information required under this Act or any amend-

1 ment made by this Act, in addition to all other elements
2 mandated by previous law.

3 (b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “appro-
4 priate congressional committees” means—

5 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
6 Committee on Financial Services of the House of
7 Representatives; and

8 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
9 the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Af-
10 fairs of the Senate.

11 **SEC. 504. SUNSET.**

12 This Act shall cease to be effective beginning on De-
13 cember 31, 2021.

