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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

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terrorists.

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 “Tehran Incitement to
5 Violence Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Abdolmajid Kharghani, a hardline cleric
9 and Quranic studies expert, reportedly revealed an

1 online fundraising campaign to the assassination of
2 U.S. President Donald Trump and Israeli Prime
3 Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Khargani claimed
4 that this could be achieved in Europe with \$10-\$20
5 million.

6 (2) Following Abdolmajid Khargani's remarks,
7 the website THAAR.IR was launched to crowdsource
8 funding to execute the aforementioned assassination
9 attempts, which has since claimed to have raised
10 more than \$20 million. This figure and fund have
11 not been independently verified.

12 (3) During and following the 12-Day War
13 against the Islamic Republic of Iran's nuclear, mis-
14 sile, and military facilities, Iranian clerics and var-
15 ious other political and religious figures have
16 charged U.S. President Donald Trump and Israeli
17 Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu with being a
18 Mohareb (one who wares against God), a Mahdur al-
19 Dam (one whose blood must be spilled), a Muftid fil-
20 Arz (a spreader of corruption on earth), and a Kafir
21 Harbi (a waring infidel) all of which under Islamic
22 Law (Sharia) invite violence against the offender.

23 (4) Ayatollah Hossein Mazaheri has issued a
24 fatwa against President Trump, Prime Minister
25 Netanyahu, and others charging them with the

1 crime of Moharebeh which under the Islamic penal
2 system has had various punishments throughout
3 which include the death penalty, crucifixion, cross
4 amputation, and exile. Under the laws of the Islamic
5 Republic of Iran, this charge carries the death pen-
6 alty.

7 (5) Ayatollah Jafar Sobhani, a senior member
8 of the Assembly of Experts, similarly issued a fatwa
9 charging President Trump, Prime Minister
10 Netanyahu, and others, with the crime of
11 Moharebeh.

12 (6) Alireza Panahian, a senior member of the
13 Office of Supreme Leader, is an extremist cleric af-
14 filiated with—

15 (A) the Islamic Revolutionary Guard
16 Corps;

17 (B) the IRGC's intelligence-security appa-
18 ratus, which is involved in gross human rights
19 violations in Iran and proliferating terrorism
20 abroad;

21 (C) the inner ring of Mojtaba Khamenei's
22 personal network; and

23 (D) the so-called "Habib Circle", one of
24 the regime's highest informal security-intel-
25 ligence networks, which has committed human

1 rights violations and is involved in terrorist ac-
2 tivities.

3 (7) Alireza Panahian has promoted the fatwas
4 of Ayatollah Naser Makarem-Shirazi, a member of
5 Iran's Assembly of Experts and an illicit profiteer in
6 Iran's sugar market, and Ayatollah Hossein Nouri
7 Hamedani, disciple and former representative in Eu-
8 rope of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, which includes
9 a call to assassinate President Trump and Prime
10 Minister Benjamin Netanyahu by charging each as a
11 Moharebeh:

12 (8) Alireza Panahian functions as a leader in
13 the IRGC's antisemitic and violent, Islamist extrem-
14 ist indoctrination program, including serving as one
15 of the key ideological architects of the IRGC's mili-
16 taristic and apocalyptic doctrine of Mahdism.

17 (9) The apocalyptic doctrine of Mahdism as un-
18 derstood within the confines of Iran's political and
19 religious system after the 1979 Islamic Revolution
20 advocates for the destruction of Israel to herald the
21 return of the Hidden 12th Imam.

22 (10) Ayatollah Abbas Kaabi, a member of the
23 leadership committee of the Assembly of Experts, an
24 affiliate with the Islamic Revolutionary Guard
25 Corps, a key figure in the establishment of

1 Hezbollah in Lebanon, and who possesses extensive
2 ties to Iran-backed Shia militias in Iraq, has publicly
3 endorsed the charge of Moharebeh against President
4 Donald Trump, Prime Minister Netanyahu, and oth-
5 ers.

6 (11) Ahmad Khatami, a member of the Guard-
7 ian Council and Assembly of Experts and Interim
8 Friday Prayer Leader of Tehran, has been sanc-
9 tioned by the European Union for human rights
10 abuses due to his egregious conduct and has called
11 for the executions of President Donald J. Trump
12 and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

13 (12) Mohsen Araki, a member of the Assembly
14 of Experts and Expediency Council and the Supreme
15 Leader's former representative to the United King-
16 dom and head of the Islamic Center of England, has
17 threatened President Donald J. Trump and Prime
18 Minister Benjamin Netanyahu by saying "their lives
19 and property are no longer protected".

20 (13) Mohsen Araki declared the United States
21 Government, including President Donald J. Trump,
22 as a "hostile infidel government by all Muslims".

23 (14) The Qom Seminary, and including the or-
24 ganization's head Ayatollah Alireza Araf, has en-
25 dorsed the charge of Moharebeh against President

1 Donald J. Trump, Prime Minister Benjamin
2 Netanyahu, and others. Accordingly, professors, stu-
3 dents, and administrators have signed and released
4 a statement declaring their readiness to implement
5 the fatwa, thus endangering President Donald J.
6 Trump and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's
7 lives.

8 (15) These Fatwas and charges of Moharebeh
9 by senior clerical leaders from Iran's state-linked
10 clerical institutions and religious leaders are a clear
11 incitement of violence and consequently endanger the
12 lives of President Donald J. Trump and Prime Min-
13 ister Benjamin Netanyahu, thus imperiling the na-
14 tional security of the United States and Israel.

15 **SEC. 3. DETERMINATION ON CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
17 date of enactment of this Act, and every 180 days there-
18 after for a period not to exceed 6 years, the Secretary of
19 State, with the concurrence of the Secretary of the Treas-
20 ury, shall submit to the appropriate congressional commit-
21 tees a determination as to whether the individuals and en-
22 tities described in subsection (b) meet the criteria for des-
23 ignation in subsection (c).

(b) INDIVIDUALS AND ENTITIES DESCRIBED.—The individuals and entities described in this subsection include the following:

- (1) Ayatollah Naser Makarem-Shirazi.
- (2) Ayatollah Hossein Nouri Hamedani.
- (3) Ayatollah Hossein Mazaheri.
- (4) Ayatollah Ja'far Sobhani.
- (5) Alireza Panahian.
- (6) Ayatollah Abbas Kaabi.
- (7) Abdolmajid Kharghani.
- (8) Ahmad Khatami.
- (9) Mohsen Araki.
- (10) Ayatollah Alireza Araf.
- (11) Qom Seminary (Howzeh Elmieh Qom).
- (12) Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting (IRIB).
- (13) Assembly of Experts.
- (14) Expediency and Discernment Council.
- (15) Guardian Council.
- (16) Ayatollah Ahmad Alamolhoda.
- (17) Society of Seminary Teachers of Qom (Jaameh Modaresin Howzeh Elmieh Qom).
- (18) Hojjat al-Eslam Amin Assadpour.

1 (c) CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION.—The criteria for a
2 designation described in this subsection includes the fol-
3 lowing:

4 (1) Executive Order 13224 (50 U.S.C. 1701
5 note; relating to blocking property and prohibiting
6 transactions with persons who commit, threaten to
7 commit, or support terrorism).

8 (2) FTO.

9 (3) GLOMAG.

10 (4) Conduct or status that meets the criteria
11 for designation under the following:

12 (A) 13949 - Blocking Property of Certain
13 Persons with Respect to the Conventional Arms
14 Activities of Iran.

15 (B) 13902 - Imposing Sanctions With Re-
16 spect to Additional Sectors of Iran.

17 (C) 13876 - Imposing Sanctions with Re-
18 spect to Iran.

19 (D) 13871 - Imposing Sanctions with Re-
20 spect to the Iron, Steel, Aluminum, and Copper
21 Sectors of Iran.

22 (E) 13846 - Reimposing Certain Sanctions
23 With Respect To Iran.

24 (F) 13608 - Prohibiting Certain Trans-
25 actions With and Suspending Entry Into the

1 United States of Foreign Sanctions Evaders
2 With Respect to Iran and Syria (Effective Date
3 - May 01, 2012).

4 (G) 13606 - Blocking the Property and
5 Suspending Entry Into the United States of
6 Certain Persons With Respect to Grave Human
7 Rights Abuses by the Governments of Iran and
8 Syria via Information Technology (Effective
9 Date - April 23, 2012).

10 (H) 13599 - Blocking Property of the Gov-
11 ernment of Iran and Iranian Financial Institu-
12 tions (Effective Date - February 06, 2012).

13 (I) 13553 - Blocking Property of Certain
14 Persons With Respect to Serious Human
15 Rights Abuses By The Government of Iran and
16 Taking Certain Other Actions (Effective Date -
17 September 29, 2010).