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To impose sanctions on Iran’s Supreme Leader’s Office for human rights
abuses and support for terrorism.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

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human rights abuses and support for terrorism.

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 “Mahsa Amini Human
5 Rights and Security Accountability Act” or the “MAHSA
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS ON IRAN'S SUPREME**
2 **LEADER'S OFFICE, ITS APPOINTEES, AND ANY**
3 **AFFILIATED PERSONS.**

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

5 (1) The Supreme Leader is an institution of the
6 Islamic Republic of Iran.

7 (2) The Supreme Leader holds ultimate author-
8 ity over Iran's judiciary and security apparatus, in-
9 cluding the Ministry of Intelligence and Security,
10 law enforcement forces under the Interior Ministry,
11 the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), and
12 the Basij, a nationwide volunteer paramilitary group
13 subordinate to the IRGC, all of which have engaged
14 in human rights abuses in Iran. Additionally the
15 IRGC, a United States designated Foreign Terrorist
16 Organization, which reports to the Supreme Leader,
17 continues to perpetrate terrorism around the globe,
18 including attempts to kill and kidnap American citi-
19 zens on United States soil.

20 (3) The Supreme Leader appoints the head of
21 Iran's judiciary. International observers continue to
22 criticize the lack of independence of Iran's judicial
23 system and maintained that trials disregarded inter-
24 national standards of fairness.

25 (4) The revolutionary courts, created by Iran's
26 former Supreme Leader Ruhollah Khomeini, within

1 Iran's judiciary, are chiefly responsible for hearing
2 cases of political offenses, operate in parallel to
3 Iran's criminal justice system and routinely hold
4 grossly unfair trials without due process, handing
5 down predetermined verdicts and rubberstamping
6 executions for political purpose.

7 (5) The Iranian security and law enforcement
8 forces engage in serious human rights abuse at the
9 behest of the Supreme Leader.

10 (6) On September 16th, 2022, 22 year-old
11 woman, Mahsa Amini, died in the detention of the
12 Morality Police after being detained for improper
13 wearing of hijab, or headcovering. This tragic inci-
14 dent triggered widespread, pro-women's rights, pro-
15 democracy protests across Iran, calling for the end
16 of Iran's theocratic regime and the Supreme Leader.

17 (7) In the course of the protests, the Iranian
18 security forces' violent crackdown includes mass ar-
19 rests, well documented beating of protestors and
20 shooting protestors with live ammunition. Three
21 weeks into the protests, Iranian security forces have
22 reportedly killed hundreds of protestors and other ci-
23 vilians, including women and children, and wounded
24 many more.

1 (8) Iran’s Supreme Leader is the leader of the
2 “Axis of Resistance”, which is a network of
3 Tehran’s terror proxy and partner militia that tar-
4 gets the United States as well as its allies and part-
5 ners.

6 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
7 gress that—

8 (1) the United States shall stand with and sup-
9 port the people of Iran in their demand for funda-
10 mental human rights; and

11 (2) the United States shall continue to hold
12 Iran’s regime—presided over by the Supreme Leader—
13 accountable for its abuses of human rights and
14 spreading terrorism.

15 (c) IN GENERAL.—

16 (1) DETERMINATION REQUIRED.—Not later
17 than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this
18 Act, the President shall determine whether the sanc-
19 tions listed in paragraph (2) apply with respect to
20 each person and entity described in subsection (d),
21 and impose all applicable such sanctions with respect
22 to each such person and entity.

23 (2) SANCTIONS LISTED.—The sanctions listed
24 in this paragraph are the following:

1 (A) Sanctions described in section 105(c)
2 of the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Account-
3 ability, and Divestment Act of 2010 (22 U.S.C.
4 8514(c)).

5 (B) Sanctions applicable with respect to a
6 person pursuant to Executive Order 13553 (50
7 U.S.C. 1701 note; relating to blocking property
8 of certain persons with respect to serious
9 human rights abuses by the Government of
10 Iran).

11 (C) Sanctions applicable with respect to a
12 person pursuant to Executive order 13224 (50
13 U.S.C. 1701 note; relating to blocking property
14 and prohibiting transactions with persons who
15 commit, threaten to commit, or support ter-
16 rorism).

17 (d) PERSONS DESCRIBED.—The persons described in
18 this subsection are the following:

19 (1) The Supreme Leader of Iran.

20 (2) Any official in the Office of the Supreme
21 Leader of Iran.

22 (3) Any entity, including foundations and eco-
23 nomic conglomerates, overseen by the Office of the
24 Supreme Leader of Iran which is complicit in financ-

1 ing or resourcing of human rights abuses or support
2 for terrorism.

3 (4) Any official of any entity owned or con-
4 trolled by the Supreme Leader of Iran or the Office
5 of the Supreme Leader of Iran.

6 (5) Any person determined by the Secretary of
7 the Treasury, in consultation with or at the rec-
8 ommendation of the Secretary of State—

9 (A) to be a person appointed by the Su-
10 preme Leader of Iran or the Office of the Su-
11 preme Leader of Iran to a position as a state
12 official of Iran, or as the head of any entity lo-
13 cated in Iran or any entity located outside of
14 Iran that is owned or controlled by one or more
15 entities in Iran;

16 (B) to have materially assisted, sponsored,
17 or provided financial, material, or technological
18 support for, or goods or services to or in sup-
19 port of any person whose property and interests
20 in property are blocked pursuant to this section;

21 (C) to be owned or controlled by, or to
22 have acted or purported to act for or on behalf
23 of, directly or indirectly any person whose prop-
24 erty and interests in property are blocked pur-
25 suant to this section; or

1 (D) to be a member of the board of direc-
2 tors or a senior executive officer of any person
3 whose property and interests in property are
4 blocked pursuant to this section.

5 (e) CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
7 receiving a request from the chairman and ranking
8 member of one of the appropriate congressional com-
9 mittees with respect to whether a person meets the
10 criteria of a person described in subsection (d)(4),
11 the President shall—

12 (A) determine if the person meets such cri-
13 teria; and

14 (B) submit a classified or unclassified re-
15 port to such chairman and ranking member
16 with respect to such determination that includes
17 a statement of whether or not the President im-
18 posed or intends to impose sanctions with re-
19 spect to the person pursuant to this section.

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

23 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
24 the House of Representatives; and

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