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To prohibit the use of United States Government funds to provide assistance to Al Qaeda, Jabhat Fateh al-Sham, and the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and to countries supporting those organizations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. GABBARD (for herself, Mr. WELCH, Mr. MASSIE, Ms. LEE, Mr. JONES, Mr. GARRETT, and Mr. YOHIO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To prohibit the use of United States Government funds to provide assistance to Al Qaeda, Jabhat Fateh al-Sham, and the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and to countries supporting those organizations, and for other purposes.

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 “Stop Arming Terror-
5 ists Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO PROVIDE COV-**
2 **ERED ASSISTANCE TO AL QAEDA, JABHAT**
3 **FATEH AL-SHAM, AND ISIL, AND TO COUN-**
4 **TRIES SUPPORTING THOSE ORGANIZATIONS.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION WITH RESPECT TO AL QAEDA,
6 JABHAT FATEH AL-SHAM, AND ISIL.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
8 provision of law, no funds made available to any
9 Federal department or agency may be used to pro-
10 vide covered assistance to Al Qaeda, Jabhat Fateh
11 al-Sham, and ISIL, and any individual or group that
12 is affiliated with, associated with, cooperating with,
13 or adherents to such groups.

14 (2) DUTIES OF DNI.—The Director of National
15 Intelligence—

16 (A) shall make initial determinations with
17 respect to whether or not an individual or group
18 is, or has been within the most recent 12
19 months prior to such determination, affiliated
20 with, associated with, cooperating with, or is an
21 adherent to Al Qaeda, Jabhat Fateh al-Sham,
22 or ISIL, under paragraph (1) not later than 90
23 days after the date of the enactment of this
24 Act;

25 (B) shall, in consultation with the appro-
26 priate congressional committees, review and

1 make subsequent determinations with respect to
2 groups or individuals under paragraph (1) every
3 6 months thereafter; and

4 (C) shall brief the appropriate congressional
5 committees on each determination with
6 respect to a group or individual under subparagraph
7 (A) and the justification for the determination,
8 including by providing—

9 (i) the geographic location of such
10 group or individual;

11 (ii) a detailed intelligence assessment
12 of such group or individual;

13 (iii) a detailed description of the
14 alignment and interaction of such group or
15 individual with Al Qaeda, Jabhat Fateh al-
16 Sham, or ISIL; and

17 (iv) a description of the ideological be-
18 liefs of such group or individual.

19 (b) PROHIBITION WITH RESPECT TO SUPPORTING
20 COUNTRIES.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
22 provision of law, no funds made available to any
23 Federal department or agency may be used to pro-
24 vide covered assistance directly or indirectly to the
25 government of any country that the Director of Na-

1 tional Intelligence determines has within the most
2 recent 12 months prior to such determination pro-
3 vided covered assistance to Al Qaeda, Jabhat Fateh
4 al-Sham, or the Islamic State of Iraq and the Le-
5 vant (ISIL), or any individual or group that is affili-
6 ated with, associated with, cooperating with, or is an
7 adherent to those organizations, as determined
8 under subsection (a)(2)(A).

9 (2) DUTIES OF DNI.—The Director of National
10 Intelligence—

11 (A) shall make initial determinations with
12 respect to countries under paragraph (1) not
13 later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
14 ment of this Act; and

15 (B) shall, in consultation with the appro-
16 priate congressional committees, review and
17 make subsequent determinations with respect to
18 countries under paragraph (1) every 6 months
19 thereafter; and

20 (C) shall brief the appropriate congres-
21 sional committees on each determination with
22 respect to a country under paragraph (1) and
23 the justification for the determination that Al
24 Qaeda, Jabhat Fateh al-Sham, or the Islamic
25 State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), or any in-

dividual or group that is affiliated with, associated with, cooperating with, or is an adherent to those organizations, is determined to be receiving covered assistance from the government of the country—

(i) the geographic location of such organization, group, or individual;

(ii) a detailed intelligence assessment of such organization, group, or individual; and

(iii) a detailed description of the covered assistance, the method of transfer of the covered assistance, and use of covered assistance.

(c) ADDITIONAL BRIEFING REQUIREMENTS.—The Director of National Intelligence shall—

(1) in addition to carrying out subsection (a)(2)(C), brief the appropriate congressional committees on—

(A) any other individual or group that the Director considered in carrying out such subsection but did not make a determination that the group or individual is affiliated with, associated with, cooperating with, or is an adherent

1 to Al Qaeda, Jabhat Fateh al-Sham, or ISIL;
2 and

3 (B) the justification for not making the de-
4 termination; and

5 (2) in addition to carrying out subsection
6 (b)(2)(C), brief the appropriate congressional com-
7 mittees on—

8 (A) any other country that the Director
9 considered in carrying out such subsection but
10 did not make a determination that the country
11 provided covered assistance to Al Qaeda,
12 Jabhat Fateh al-Sham, or the Islamic State of
13 Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), or any individual
14 or group that is affiliated with, associated with,
15 cooperating with, or adherents to those organi-
16 zations; and

17 (B) the justification for not making the de-
18 termination.

19 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
21 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
22 mittees” means—

23 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
24 Committee on Armed Services, and the Perma-

1 nent Select Committee on Intelligence of the
2 House of Representatives; and

3 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations,
4 the Committee on Armed Services, and the Se-
5 lect Committee on Intelligence of the Senate.

6 (2) COVERED ASSISTANCE.—The term “covered
7 assistance” means—

8 (A) defense articles, defense services, train-
9 ing or logistical support, or any other military
10 assistance provided by grant, loan, credit,
11 transfer, or cash sales;

12 (B) intelligence sharing; or

13 (C) cash assistance.

14 (3) DEFENSE ARTICLES AND DEFENSE SERV-
15 ICES.—The terms “defense articles” and “defense
16 services” have the meanings given such terms in sec-
17 tions 47(3) and 47(4) of the Arms Export Control
18 Act (22 U.S.C. 2794 note), respectively.

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