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To prohibit the use of funds for unauthorized military force against Iran,
and for other purposes.

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Mr. KHANNA (for himself, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. CROW, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. LEVIN of Michigan, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Ms. HAALAND, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. POCAN, Mr. GALLEG0, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. OMAR, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. DEFazio, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. TONKO, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. MOORE, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. EVANS, Mr. WELCH, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. HIMES, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. BEYER, Ms. SPANBERGER, Mr. PHILLIPS, and Mr. CISNEROS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “No War Against Iran
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF UNAUTHORIZED MILITARY FORCE**
5 **IN OR AGAINST IRAN.**

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

7 (1) The acquisition by the Government of Iran
8 of a nuclear weapon would pose a grave threat to
9 international peace and stability and the national se-
10 curity of the United States and United States allies,
11 including Israel.

12 (2) The Government of Iran is a leading state
13 sponsor of terrorism, continues to materially support
14 the regime of Bashar al-Assad, and is responsible
15 for ongoing gross violations of the human rights of
16 the people of Iran.

17 (3) Article I of the United States Constitution
18 requires the President to obtain authorization from
19 Congress before engaging in war with Iran.

20 (b) CLARIFICATION OF CURRENT LAW.—Nothing in
21 the Authorization for Use of Military Force (Public Law
22 107–40; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note), the Authorization for Use
23 of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Public
24 Law 107–243; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note), or any other provi-
25 sion of law enacted before the date of the enactment of

1 this Act may be construed to provide authorization for the
2 use of military force against Iran.

3 (c) PROHIBITION OF UNAUTHORIZED MILITARY
4 FORCE IN OR AGAINST IRAN.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
6 graph (2), no Federal funds may be obligated or ex-
7 pended for any use of military force in or against
8 Iran unless Congress has—

9 (A) declared war; or

10 (B) enacted specific statutory authoriza-
11 tion for such use of military force after the date
12 of the enactment of this Act that meets the re-
13 quirements of the War Powers Resolution (50
14 U.S.C. 1541 et seq.).

15 (2) EXCEPTION.—The prohibition under para-
16 graph (1) shall not apply to a use of military force
17 that is consistent with section (2)(c) of the War
18 Powers Resolution.

19 (d) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act
20 may be construed—

21 (1) to prevent the President from using nec-
22 essary and appropriate force to defend United States
23 allies and partners if Congress enacts specific statu-
24 tory authorization for such use of force consistent

1 with the requirements of the War Powers Resolution
2 (50 U.S.C. 1541 et seq.);

3 (2) to relieve the executive branch of restric-
4 tions on the use of force, reporting, or consultation
5 requirements set forth in the War Powers Resolution
6 (50 U.S.C. 1541 et seq.); or

7 (3) to authorize the use of military force.

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