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To strengthen export controls for emerging and foundational technologies that bolster the destabilizing activities of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LANKFORD introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Sanctioning Transfers
5 and Outbound Products to Iran Act of 2023” or the
6 “STOP Iran Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSES FOR EXPORTS OF**
2 **EMERGING AND FOUNDATIONAL TECH-**
3 **NOLOGIES TO IRANIAN ENTITIES SUBJECT**
4 **TO SANCTIONS IMPOSED BY THE UNITED**
5 **STATES.**

6 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—On and after the date that is 120
7 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
8 retary of Commerce shall require, pursuant to subsection
9 (b) of section 1753 of the Export Control Reform Act of
10 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4817), a license for the export, reexport,
11 or in-country transfer of emerging and foundational tech-
12 nologies identified pursuant to subsection (a) of that sec-
13 tion to any Iranian person described in subsection (b).

14 (b) **IRANIAN PERSONS DESCRIBED.**—

15 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—An Iranian person is de-
16 scribed in this subsection if the Iranian person—

17 (A) is—

18 (i) on a list specified in paragraph

19 (2); or

20 (ii) otherwise subject to sanctions im-
21 posed by the United States pursuant to the
22 International Emergency Economic Powers
23 Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) or any other
24 provision of law; and

25 (B) provides material, tactical, operational,
26 developmental, or financial support to—

1 (i) the Islamic Revolutionary Guard
2 Corps;

3 (ii) any agency or instrumentality of
4 the Armed Forces of Iran;

5 (iii) any agency or instrumentality re-
6 lated to the nuclear program of Iran;

7 (iv) any organization designated as a
8 foreign terrorist organization under section
9 219 of the Immigration and Nationality
10 Act (8 U.S.C. 1189), including Hamas,
11 Hezbollah, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, al-
12 Qa'ida, and al-Shabaab; or

13 (v) any entity engaged in hostilities
14 with a country that is a partner or ally of
15 the United States, including the Houthis
16 and Shia militias in Iraq.

17 (2) LISTS SPECIFIED.—A list specified in this
18 paragraph is any of the following lists maintained by
19 the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Depart-
20 ment of the Treasury:

21 (A) The SDN List.

22 (B) The List of Foreign Financial Institu-
23 tions Subject to Correspondent Account or Pay-
24 able-Through Account Sanctions.

1 (C) The Non-SDN Menu-Based Sanctions
2 List.

3 (c) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 30 days
4 after issuing a license under subsection (a) for the export,
5 reexport, or in-country transfer of emerging and
6 foundational technologies to an Iranian person described
7 in subsection (b), the Secretary of Commerce shall submit
8 to the appropriate congressional committees a report that
9 includes—

10 (1) a list of Iranian persons described in sub-
11 section (b);

12 (2) the rationale for issuing the license, includ-
13 ing any findings or evidence relating to support de-
14 scribed in subsection (b)(1)(B) provided by the Ira-
15 nian person; and

16 (3) an explanation of why the Iranian person
17 was not subject to export controls under section
18 1753(b) of the Export Control Reform Act of 2018
19 (50 U.S.C. 4817(b)) before the date that is 120
20 days after date of the enactment of this Act that ad-
21 dresses any partial or inconclusive evidence that the
22 person provided support described in subsection
23 (b)(1)(B).

24 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
2 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
3 mittees” means—

4 (A) the Committee on Banking, Housing,
5 and Urban Affairs and the Committee on For-
6 eign Relations of the Senate; and

7 (B) the Committee on Financial Services
8 and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
9 House of Representatives.

10 (2) EXPORT; IN-COUNTRY TRANSFER; REEX-
11 PORT.—The terms “export”, “in-country transfer”,
12 and “reexport” have the meanings given those terms
13 in section 1742 of the Export Control Reform Act
14 of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4801).

15 (3) IRANIAN PERSON.—The term “Iranian per-
16 son” means—

17 (A) an individual who is a citizen or na-
18 tional of Iran; and

19 (B) an entity organized under the laws of
20 Iran or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of
21 the Government of Iran.

22 (4) SDN LIST.—The term “SDN list” means
23 the list of specially designated nationals and blocked

- 1 persons maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets
- 2 Control of the Department of the Treasury.

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