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To require an interagency strategy to free Iraq from Iran, and for other purposes.

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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina (for himself and Mr. PANETTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Intelligence (Permanent Select), 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 require an interagency strategy to free Iraq from Iran,
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 “Free Iraq from Iran
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

7 It is the policy of the United States to support the
8 people of Iraq in their desire to liberate their country from

1 the malign influence of Iran and its puppet militias and
2 to support democracy, rule of law, and human rights in
3 Iraq.

4 **SEC. 3. INTERAGENCY STRATEGY TO FREE IRAQ FROM**
5 **IRAN.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,
8 in conjunction with the Secretary of the Treasury, and the
9 CEO of the U.S. Agency for Global Media, shall develop
10 and submit to Congress a strategy to support the efforts
11 of the Iraqi people in countering Iran in Iraq and coun-
12 tering Iranian backed puppet militias in Iraq.

13 (b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required under sub-
14 section (a) shall include—

15 (1) A description of efforts to irreversibly dis-
16 mantle all Iran-backed puppet militias in Iraq, in-
17 cluding but not limited to the Popular Mobilization
18 Forces (PMF), and end Iran’s dominance of Iraq’s
19 political system.

20 (2) A description of efforts to cease U.S. secu-
21 rity assistance to the Federal Government of Iraq,
22 unless (A) All Iran-backed militias including but not
23 limited to the PMF are dismantled, (B) Iraq ceases
24 its support for terrorism including its sponsorship
25 and support of Iran backed puppet militias, (C) Iran

1 backed puppet militias including the PMF are no
2 longer part of the Ministry of Interior of the Federal
3 Government of Iraq nor any other organ of the Fed-
4 eral Government of Iraq, (D) Iran backed puppet
5 militias and their political parties no longer maintain
6 direct or indirect control of Iraqi government min-
7 istries.

8 (3) A description of efforts to support Iraqi
9 civil society against Iran and its puppet militias in-
10 cluding:

11 (A) A description of how the Intelligence
12 Community will—

13 (i) use intelligence-gathering capabili-
14 ties to monitor and expose the Iranian re-
15 gime and its puppet militias in Iraq's ef-
16 forts to suppress dissent and target
17 protestors;

18 (ii) provide support to Iraqi civil soci-
19 ety actors and opposition groups to en-
20 hance their security and operational capa-
21 bilities; and

22 (iii) assist in identifying and coun-
23 tering disinformation campaigns initiated
24 by the Iranian regime and its puppet mili-

1 tias in Iraq to delegitimize democratic
2 movements.

3 (B) A description of how the United States
4 Agency for Global Media (USAGM) will—

5 (i) expand and enhance broadcasting
6 efforts in Iraq with a focus on the Federal
7 Government of Iraq’s support of Iranian
8 backed puppet militias and Iranian backed
9 terrorist organizations as well as program-
10 ming regarding the war crimes and corrup-
11 tion of Iranian backed puppet militias in
12 Iraq;

13 (ii) utilize social media platforms to
14 expose and highlight the Iranian regime
15 and Iran backed puppet militia’s crimes
16 against the people of Iraq, including
17 human rights abuses, corruption, and acts
18 of violence against protestors; and

19 (iii) support independent Iraqi jour-
20 nalists and media outlets in their efforts to
21 report freely and counter the regime’s
22 propaganda.

23 (C) A plan for ensuring coordination be-
24 tween relevant agencies, including the Depart-
25 ment of State, the Department of the Treasury,

1 the Intelligence Community, and USAGM, to
2 ensure a comprehensive and unified approach in
3 supporting the Iraqi people's pursuit of inde-
4 pendence from domination by the regime in
5 Iran and its puppet militias in Iraq.

6 (c) FORM.—The strategy required under subsection
7 (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form.

8 (d) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—Not later than 60
9 days after the date on which the strategy required by sub-
10 section (a) is developed, the task force shall submit to
11 Congress a plan for implementing the strategy.

12 **SEC. 4. DESIGNATION OF THE IRAN'S PUPPET MILITIAS IN**
13 **IRAQ AS TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS.**

14 (a) DESIGNATION AS FTO.—No later than 90 days
15 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
16 State shall designate as a foreign terrorist organization
17 pursuant to section 219(a) of the Immigration and Na-
18 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189a) each of the following:

19 (1) Abu Fadl al-Abbas Brigades.

20 (2) Badr Corps.

21 (3) Harakat Hezbollah al-Nujaba.

22 (4) The Popular Mobilization Forces (Al-Hashd
23 al-Sha'bi).

24 (5) Kata'ib al-Imam Ali.

25 (6) Kata'ib Jund al-Imam.

1 (7) Kata'ib Sayyid al-Shuhada.

2 (8) Sarraya al-Jihad.

3 (9) Sarraya al-Khorasani.

4 (10) The Islamic Resistance of Iraq.

5 (11) Any foreign entity or organization that is
6 an agent of, affiliated with, or owned or controlled
7 by the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps.

8 **SEC. 5. FUNDING LIMITATION OF IRANIAN BACKED PUP-**
9 **PET MILITIAS IN IRAQ.**

10 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no Fed-
11 eral department or agency, including the Department of
12 State and the Department of Defense, may obligate or ex-
13 pend any Federal funds to support, directly or indirectly,
14 any militia or organization described in subsection (4)(a)
15 of this Act, or any person who is a member of such militia
16 or organization.

17 **SEC. 6. PROHIBITION OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO THE**
18 **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ.**

19 (a) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
20 sion of law, no Federal department or agency, including
21 the Department of State and the Department of Defense,
22 may obligate or expend any Federal funds to the Federal
23 Government of Iraq.

24 (b) WAIVER.—The prohibition described in sub-
25 section (a) may be waived if the President certifies that

1 Iraq is no longer supporting or sponsoring Iranian backed
2 puppet militia or if the President certifies that Iraq is tak-
3 ing significant demonstrated steps to remove Iranian
4 backed puppet militias from its security forces and the
5 President certifies that the waiver is in the national secu-
6 rity interest of the United States.

7 (c) ANNUAL REVIEW.—Iraq’s support to Iranian
8 backed puppet militias shall be reviewed annually by the
9 Department of Defense annually in accordance with this
10 section, in addition the prohibition in subsection(a) shall
11 be reviewed annually by the Department of Defense to en-
12 sure the funds prohibited do not compromise the national
13 security interests of the United States or Iraq.

14 **SEC. 7. SANCTIONS ON AGENTS AND FACILITATORS OF IRA-**
15 **NIAN BACKED PUPPET MILITIAS DESTA-**
16 **BILIZING IRAQ.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
18 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Treasury shall
19 issue a report describing Iran’s puppets in Iraq including
20 political figures, members of the judiciary, puppet militias,
21 financiers, and facilitators of Iran and its puppet militias
22 in Iraq.

23 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The Secretary of
24 the Treasury shall include former Iraqi Prime Minister
25 Nouri al-Maliki, Al-Rafidain Bank, the State Organization

1 for Marketing of Oil in Iraq, Badr Corps leader Hadi al-
2 Ameri, Iraqi National Security Adviser Qais al-Araji, Iraqi
3 Military Chief of Staff Abdul Rashid Yar Allah, and Iraqi
4 Federal Supreme Court President Jassem Abboud as part
5 of the report described in subsection (a).

6 (c) SANCTIONS.—The Secretary of Treasury shall im-
7 pose sanctions pursuant to Executive Order 13438 (50
8 U.S.C. 1701 note; relating to blocking property of certain
9 persons who threaten stabilization efforts in Iraq) on all
10 persons described in the report described in subsection(a).

11 (d) FORM.—The strategy required under subsection
12 (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may con-
13 tain a classified annex if necessary.

14 **SEC. 8. PROHIBITION ON THE IMPORTATION OF LIQUEFIED**
15 **NATURAL GAS BY THE FEDERAL GOVERN-**
16 **MENT OF IRAQ FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF**
17 **IRAN.**

18 Notwithstanding any other provision of law the Sec-
19 retary of Treasury shall impose sanctions prohibiting the
20 Government of Iraq or any private entity within Iraq from
21 importing liquefied natural gas from the Government of
22 Iran or any private entity within Iran.

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