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To require the President to designate the Muslim Brotherhood as a foreign terrorist organization, to direct the Secretary of State to submit a report to Congress regarding such designation, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DIAZ-BALART (for himself, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. FINE, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. BOST, and Mr. BARR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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 the President to designate the Muslim Brotherhood as a foreign terrorist organization, to direct the Secretary of State to submit a report to Congress regarding such designation, 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 “Muslim Brotherhood
5 Terrorist Designation Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITIONS ON MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD OPER-**
2 **ATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES.**

3 (a) FINDINGS; DETERMINATIONS.—Section 1002 of
4 the Anti-Terrorism Act of 1987 (22 U.S.C. 5201) is
5 amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) in paragraph (6), by striking “and” at
8 the end;

9 (B) in paragraph (7), by striking the pe-
10 riod at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

11 (C) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(8) Hamas is a Muslim Brotherhood branch,
13 according to its charter, which describes Hamas as
14 ‘one of the wings of the Muslim Brotherhood in Pal-
15 estine’;

16 “(9) the Counter Terrorism Guide, published by
17 the National Counterterrorism Center, states
18 Hamas’s ‘roots are in the Palestinian branch of the
19 Muslim Brotherhood’;

20 “(10) Hamas has been designated as a foreign
21 terrorist organization by the Secretary of State pur-
22 suant to section 219(a) of the Immigration and Na-
23 tionality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189(a)) and as a Specially
24 Designated Global Terrorist pursuant to Executive
25 Order 13224 (50 U.S.C. 1701 note; relating to
26 blocking property and prohibiting transactions with

1 persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support
2 terrorism);

3 “(11) on October 7, 2023, Hamas terrorists
4 committed the worst 1-day massacre of Jews since
5 the Holocaust, which included the murder, kidnap-
6 ping, or disappearance of at least 53 United States
7 citizens;

8 “(12) the Muslim Brotherhood functions as a
9 global organization and provides material support to
10 Muslim Brotherhood branches in countries and terri-
11 tories by providing political support, financial re-
12 sources, training, services, expert advice, and com-
13 munications assistance; and

14 “(13) Muslim Brotherhood branches have
15 sought to destabilize and undermine United States
16 allies and partners throughout the Middle East, in-
17 cluding in Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia,
18 and the United Arab Emirates, and have been out-
19 lawed as a terrorist group by the governments of
20 those countries.”; and

21 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “the PLO and
22 its affiliates are a terrorist organization and” and
23 replacing with “the PLO, the Muslim Brotherhood,
24 and their affiliates are terrorist organizations and
25 are”.

1 (b) PROHIBITIONS.—Section 1003 of the Anti-Ter-
 2 rorism Act of 1987 (22 U.S.C. 5202) is amended—

3 (1) in the section title, by striking “**PLO**” and
 4 inserting “**the PLO and the Muslim Broth-**
 5 **erhood**”;

6 (2) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by
 7 striking “or any of its” and inserting “, the Muslim
 8 Brotherhood, or any of their respective”; and

9 (3) by striking “or any of its” each place such
 10 phrase appears and inserting “, the Muslim Brother-
 11 hood, or any of their”.

12 (c) TERMINATION.—Section 1005(b) of the Anti-Ter-
 13 rorism Act of 1987 (22 U.S.C. 5201 note) is amended by
 14 inserting “, with respect to prohibitions regarding the
 15 PLO,” after “this title”.

16 (d) IMMIGRATION RESTRICTIONS.—The Anti-Ter-
 17 rorism Act of 1987 (22 U.S.C. 5201 et seq.) is amended
 18 by adding at the end the following:

19 **“SEC. 1006. MANDATORY INELIGIBILITY FOR VISAS, ADMIS-**
 20 **SION, OR PAROLE FOR MUSLIM BROTHER-**
 21 **HOOD MEMBERS.**

22 “The Secretary of State shall impose the sanctions
 23 authorized under section 306(b)(1) of the Robert Levinson
 24 Hostage Recovery and Hostage-Taking Accountability Act
 25 (22 U.S.C. 1741d(b)(1)) with respect to any foreign per-

1 son the President determines, based on credible evidence,
 2 is a Muslim Brotherhood member, including the meas-
 3 ures—

4 “(1) related to inadmissibility and ineligibility
 5 described in subparagraph (A) of such section; and

6 “(2) requiring the immediate revocation of cur-
 7 rent visas in accordance with subparagraph (B) of
 8 such section.

9 **“SEC. 1007. DEFINITIONS.**

10 “In this title:

11 “(1) FOREIGN PERSON.—The term ‘foreign per-
 12 son’ means an individual or entity that is not a
 13 United States person.

14 “(2) MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD.—The term ‘Mus-
 15 lim Brotherhood’ means the Society of the Muslim
 16 Brothers (also known as ‘Jamā‘ at al-Ikhwān al-
 17 Muslimīn’).

18 “(3) MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD BRANCH.—The
 19 term ‘Muslim Brotherhood branch’ means any entity
 20 that is a branch, charity, or organization that is di-
 21 rectly or indirectly owned or controlled, or otherwise
 22 directly or indirectly affiliated with the Muslim
 23 Brotherhood including—

24 “(A) Hamas and Lajnat al-Daawa al-
 25 Islamiya; and

1 “(B) any other such organization operating
2 in Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Can-
3 ada, Egypt, France, Gaza, Germany, India, In-
4 donesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Judea and Sama-
5 ria, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Mauri-
6 tania, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi
7 Arabia, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Syria,
8 Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United
9 Kingdom, Yemen, or in any other country or ju-
10 risdiction identified by the Secretary of State.

11 “(4) MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD MEMBER.—The
12 term ‘Muslim Brotherhood member’ means an indi-
13 vidual who is a member of, under the control of, or
14 serving as a representative of, the Muslim Brother-
15 hood or a Muslim Brotherhood branch.

16 “(5) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term
17 ‘United States person’ means—

18 “(A) a United States citizen;

19 “(B) a permanent resident of the United
20 States;

21 “(C) a foreign national who is residing in
22 the United States; and

23 “(D) an entity organized under the laws of
24 the United States or of any jurisdiction of the

1 United States, including a foreign branch of
 2 such an entity.”.

3 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD ENTI-**
 4 **TIES AS FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZA-**
 5 **TIONS.**

6 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD; MUSLIM BROTHER-
 8 HOOD BRANCH; MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD MEMBER.—
 9 The terms “Muslim Brotherhood”, “Muslim Broth-
 10 erhood branch”, and “Muslim Brotherhood member”
 11 have the meanings given such terms in section 1007
 12 of the Anti-Terrorism Act of 1987, as added by sec-
 13 tion 2(d).

14 (2) RELEVANT CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
 15 TEES.—The term “relevant congressional commit-
 16 tees” means—

17 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
 18 the Senate;

19 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
 20 the House of Representatives; and

21 (B) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
 22 House of Representatives.

23 (b) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after
 24 the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually there-

1 after, the Secretary of State shall submit a report to the
2 relevant congressional committees that—

3 (1) identifies all Muslim Brotherhood branches,
4 including branches operating in the countries and
5 jurisdictions described in section 1007(2)(B) of the
6 Anti-Terrorism Act of 1987, as added by section
7 2(d); and

8 (2) for each such Muslim Brotherhood branch,
9 includes a determination of whether—

10 (A) the Muslim Brotherhood branch has
11 been designated pursuant to any of the authori-
12 ties described in subsection (c); and

13 (B) the activities of such Muslim Brother-
14 hood branch meets the criteria for such des-
15 ignation, or whether such entities engaged in
16 conduct that may be constitute a ground for
17 such designation, pursuant to any of the au-
18 thorities described in subsection (c).

19 (c) AUTHORITIES DESCRIBED.—The authorities de-
20 scribed in this subsection are the laws authorizing the des-
21 ignation of an entity as—

22 (1) a foreign terrorist organization under sec-
23 tion 219(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act
24 (8 U.S.C. 1189(a)); or

(2) a Specially Designated Global Terrorist pursuant to Executive Order 13224 (50 U.S.C. 1701 note; relating to blocking property and prohibiting transactions with persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism).

(d) SANCTIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall impose the sanctions described in paragraph (3) with respect to the Muslim Brotherhood or any successor organization.

(2) SANCTIONS AGAINST MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD BRANCHES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the submission of each report pursuant to subsection (b), in the case of any positive determination made related to a Muslim Brotherhood branch the President shall impose—

(i) the sanctions described in paragraph (3)(A) on any Muslim Brotherhood branch that has been designated pursuant to subsection (c)(2)(A); and

(ii) the sanctions described in paragraph (3)(B) on any Muslim Brotherhood branch whose activities meet the criteria

1 for such designation in accordance with
2 subsection (b)(2)(B).

3 (B) MINIMUM PERIOD.—The President
4 may not remove the sanctions described in
5 paragraph (3) from the Muslim Brotherhood
6 during the 4-year period beginning on the date
7 of the report in which such positive determina-
8 tion regarding a Muslim Brotherhood branch
9 was made.

10 (3) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions de-
11 scribed in this paragraph are—

12 (A) designation as a foreign terrorist orga-
13 nization pursuant to section 219(a) of the Im-
14 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
15 1189(a)); and

16 (B) imposition of the sanctions applicable
17 with respect to a foreign person pursuant to
18 Executive Order 13224 (50 U.S.C. 1701 note;
19 relating to blocking property and prohibiting
20 transactions with persons who commit, threaten
21 to commit, or support terrorism).

22 (e) FORM.—The report required under subsection (b)
23 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include
24 a classified annex, if appropriate.

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