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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Financial Services, Oversight and Government Reform, and Ways and Means, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Stop Foreign Propa-
5 ganda Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CODIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 13846.**

7 Executive Order 13846 of August 6, 2018 (83 Fed.
8 Reg. 38939), entitled “Reimposing Certain Sanctions

1 With Respect to Iran”, shall have the force and effect of
2 law.

3 **SEC. 3. SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO PROVISION OF**
4 **MEDIA SERVICES TO SANCTIONED FOREIGN**
5 **MEDIA ENTITIES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall impose the
7 sanctions described in subsection (c) with respect to any
8 person who knowingly provides material support or media
9 services, and receives compensation, barter, or any other
10 form of consideration therefor, to a covered foreign media
11 entity.

12 (b) APPLICABILITY.—This section applies to any
13 United States person or foreign person subject to the ju-
14 risdiction of the United States.

15 (c) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions de-
16 scribed in this subsection are the following:

17 (1) The blocking and prohibition of all trans-
18 actions in property and interests in property of the
19 person pursuant to the International Emergency
20 Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et 18 seq.).

21 (2) The prohibition on United States persons
22 from entering into procurement contracts or trans-
23 actions with the person.

1 (3) The prohibition of financing assistance from
2 the Export-Import Bank of the United States to the
3 person.

4 (4) In the case of a person that is an alien, the
5 denial of a visa or exclusion from the United States
6 in accordance with section of the Immigration and
7 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3)(C)).

8 (d) WAIVER.—The President may waive the applica-
9 tion of sanctions under this section with respect to a per-
10 son if the President—

11 (1) determines that such a waiver is in the na-
12 tional interest of the United States; and

13 (2) submits to the appropriate congressional
14 committees a written explanation of the reasons for
15 the waiver.

16 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

17 Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment
18 of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of the
19 Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall
20 submit to the appropriate congressional committees a re-
21 port that includes—

22 (1) a list of all persons, including United States
23 persons and foreign persons subject to the jurisdic-
24 tion of the United States, that have knowingly pro-
25 vided material support or media services to any cov-

1 ered foreign media entity and a description of the
2 nature, value, duration, and scope of such trans-
3 actions, including any payments, barter arrange-
4 ments, or third-party facilitation mechanisms;

5 (2) any enforcement actions, designations, pen-
6 alties, or license denials initiated pursuant to this
7 Act or other applicable sanctions authorities during
8 the reporting period; and

9 (3) an assessment of to the extent the Govern-
10 ment of Iran, including the Islamic Republic of Iran
11 Broadcasting and its affiliates, has directly or indi-
12 rectly financed or contracted with any foreign news
13 organization, media outlet, production company, or
14 content distributor—

15 (A) to disseminate regime-aligned nar-
16 ratives, disinformation, or coercive propaganda
17 targeting U.S. or allied audiences; or

18 (B) to circumvent existing U.S. sanctions
19 or export control measures through third-party
20 intermediaries or subsidiaries.

21 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

22 In this Act—

23 (1) the term “appropriate congressional com-
24 mittees” means—

1 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
2 Committee on Financial Services, and the Com-
3 mittee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
4 resentatives; and

5 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations,
6 the Committee on Finance, and the Committees
7 on Appropriations of the Senate;

8 (2) the term “foreign media entity” means any
9 media organization that—

10 (A) is owned, controlled, funded, or oper-
11 ated, in whole or in part, by a foreign govern-
12 ment or an entity designated pursuant to
13 United States sanctions law;

14 (B) is designated by the Secretary of
15 State, in consultation with the Director of Na-
16 tional Intelligence, as an instrument of foreign
17 state propaganda or foreign malign influence
18 operations; or

19 (C) acts on behalf of, or in coordination
20 with, a sanctioned foreign person to disseminate
21 disinformation, suppress dissent, or engage in
22 state-sponsored information operations;

23 (3) the term “knowingly” means that a person
24 has actual knowledge of the conduct, the cir-

1 cumstance, or the result, or should have known of
2 the conduct, the circumstance, or the result;

3 (4) the term “material support or media serv-
4 ices” includes the provision of content, editorial serv-
5 ices, journalistic contributions, photographs, video
6 footage, syndicated materials, production infrastruc-
7 ture, backend technology, distribution platforms, or
8 any service or resource that directly enables the
9 broadcast, publication, or dissemination of informa-
10 tion; and

11 (5) the term “United States person” means—

12 (A) a United States citizen or an alien law-
13 fully admitted for permanent residence;

14 (B) an entity organized under the laws of
15 the United States or any jurisdiction within the
16 United States, including any foreign branch of
17 such entity; and

18 (C) any person physically present in the
19 United States.

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