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To designate Ansarallah as a foreign terrorist organization and impose certain sanctions on Ansarallah, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. COTTON, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. BUDD, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. LUMMIS, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. SCHMITT, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mrs. BRITT, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CASSIDY, and Ms. ERNST) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 “Standing Against
5 Houthi Aggression Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) It was reported by Reuters on March 21,
2 2017, that Iran, a designated state sponsor of ter-
3 ror, sent advanced weapons and military advisers to
4 assist and support Yemen’s Ansarallah, commonly
5 referred to as the “Houthis”.

6 (2) On January 19, 2021, the Trump Adminis-
7 tration designated Ansarallah as a foreign terrorist
8 organization and a specially designated global ter-
9 rorist.

10 (3) On February 16, 2021, Secretary of State
11 Blinken revoked the designation of Ansarallah as a
12 foreign terrorist organization pursuant to section
13 219(a)(6)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality
14 Act (8 U.S.C. 1189(a)(6)(A)).

15 (4) On March 7, 2021, an Ansarallah drone
16 strike had been intercepted by Saudi Arabia, which
17 targeted an oil storage yard at Ras Tanura.

18 (5) On March 19, 2021, another Ansarallah
19 drone strike hit a Riyadh oil refinery, which caused
20 a fire that was brought under control.

21 (6) After the March 19, 2021, attack,
22 Ansarallah proclaimed that they launched six drones
23 at a Saudi Aramco facility, and vowed to continue
24 operations against Saudi Arabia as long as “its ag-
25 gression against Yemen would continue”.

1 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION AS FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZA-**
 2 **TION; IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.**

3 (a) DESIGNATION AS FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANI-
 4 ZATION.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the en-
 5 actment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall designate
 6 Ansarallah as a foreign terrorist organization pursuant to
 7 section 219(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
 8 U.S.C. 1189(a)).

9 (b) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
 11 the date of the enactment of this Act, the President
 12 shall impose the sanctions described in paragraph

13 (2) with respect to—

14 (A) Ansarallah; and

15 (B) any foreign person that is a member,
 16 agent, or affiliate of, or owned or controlled by,
 17 Ansarallah.

18 (2) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions de-
 19 scribed in this paragraph are—

20 (A) sanctions applicable with respect to a
 21 foreign person pursuant to Executive Order
 22 13224 (50 U.S.C. 1701 note; relating to block-
 23 ing property and prohibiting transactions with
 24 persons who commit, threaten to commit, or
 25 support terrorism); and

1 (B) sanctions described in Executive Order
2 13780 (8 U.S.C. 1182 note; relating to pro-
3 tecting the Nation from foreign terrorist entry
4 into the United States), as in effect on January
5 19, 2021, with respect to nationals of Yemen.

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