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To require a strategy to oppose financial or material support by foreign countries and nongovernmental organizations to the Taliban, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SHEEHY 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 “No Tax Dollars for
5 Terrorists Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

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

4 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
5 the Senate;

6 (B) the Committee on Appropriations of
7 the Senate;

8 (C) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
9 the House of Representatives; and

10 (D) the Committee on Appropriations of
11 the House of Representatives.

12 (2) HAWALA.—The term “hawala” means a
13 system of transferring money through a network of
14 money lending brokers.

15 **SEC. 3. STRATEGY TO OPPOSE FINANCIAL OR MATERIAL**
16 **SUPPORT BY FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND NON-**
17 **GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO THE**
18 **TALIBAN.**

19 (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
20 United States—

21 (1) to oppose the provision of financial or mate-
22 rial support by foreign countries and nongovern-
23 mental organizations to the Taliban, particularly
24 countries and organizations that receive United
25 States-provided foreign assistance; and

1 (2) to review United States-provided financial
2 assistance to foreign countries and nongovernmental
3 organizations that have provided financial or mate-
4 rial support to the Taliban.

5 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after the date
6 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall
7 submit a report to the appropriate congressional commit-
8 tees that identifies—

9 (1) foreign countries and nongovernmental or-
10 ganizations that have provided financial or material
11 support to the Taliban, including—

12 (A) the amount of United States-provided
13 foreign assistance each such country or organi-
14 zation receives, if any;

15 (B) the amount of financial or material
16 support each such country or organization has
17 provided to the Taliban; and

18 (C) a description of how the Taliban has
19 utilized such financial or material support; and

20 (2) efforts the United States has taken since
21 August 2021 to oppose foreign countries and non-
22 governmental organizations from providing financial
23 or material support to the Taliban, particularly for-
24 eign countries and organizations that receive United
25 States-provided foreign assistance.

1 (c) STRATEGY AND REPORTS.—

2 (1) STRATEGY.—

3 (A) DEVELOPMENT.—Not later than 30
4 days after the date of the enactment of this
5 Act, the Secretary of State shall develop a
6 strategy to discourage foreign countries and
7 nongovernmental organizations from providing
8 financial or material support to the Taliban, in-
9 cluding by using United States-provided foreign
10 assistance to discourage countries and organiza-
11 tions from providing such support to the
12 Taliban.

13 (B) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 60
14 days after the date of the enactment of this
15 Act, the Secretary of State shall implement the
16 strategy developed pursuant to subparagraph
17 (A).

18 (2) REPORTS.—

19 (A) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than the
20 date of the completion of the strategy required
21 under paragraph (1), the Secretary of State
22 shall submit a report to the appropriate con-
23 gressional committees that details the strategy
24 and the plan for its implementation.

1 (B) SUBSEQUENT REPORTS.—Not later
2 than 180 days after the completion of the strat-
3 egy required under paragraph (1), and every
4 180 days thereafter, the Secretary of State
5 shall submit a report to the appropriate con-
6 gressional committees regarding the implemen-
7 tation of the strategy, including the impact of
8 the strategy in discouraging foreign countries
9 and nongovernmental organizations from pro-
10 viding financial or material support to the
11 Taliban.

12 **SEC. 4. REPORT ON DIRECT CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**
13 **IN AFGHANISTAN.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the
15 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,
16 in consultation with the Administrator of the United
17 States Agency for International Development, shall submit
18 a report to the appropriate congressional committees that
19 identifies United States Government-funded direct cash
20 assistance programs in Afghanistan during the period be-
21 ginning on August 1, 2021, and ending on the date that
22 is 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

23 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report re-
24 quired under subsection (a) shall, with respect to such di-
25 rect cash assistance programs—

1 (1) identify implementing partners and recipi-
2 ents;

3 (2) describe method of payments;

4 (3) describe how and where currency exchanges
5 occur;

6 (4) describe how hawalas are used and the over-
7 sight mechanism in place regarding use of hawalas
8 to transfer funds; and

9 (5) describe how oversight is conducted, includ-
10 ing information on how the Department of State
11 prevents the Taliban from accessing cash assistance
12 under such programs.

13 **SEC. 5. REPORT ON STATUS OF AFGHAN FUND.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the
15 date of the enactment of this Act, and every 180 days
16 thereafter, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the
17 Administrator of the United States Agency for Inter-
18 national Development and the Secretary of the Treasury,
19 shall submit a report to the appropriate congressional
20 committees that describes the status of the Afghan Fund.

21 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report re-
22 quired under subsection (a) shall include—

23 (1) a list of Taliban members who are working
24 at Da Afghanistan Bank or serving on the Bank’s
25 Supreme Council; and

1 (2) a description of—

2 (A) the Taliban’s influence over Da Af-
3 ghanistan Bank;

4 (B) the Afghan Fund’s Board of Trustees,
5 including how the Fund’s trustees were vetted
6 and selected, and what United States agencies
7 were involved in the vetting and selection pro-
8 cess;

9 (C) the conditions necessary for funds in
10 the Afghan Fund to be released to Da Afghani-
11 stan Bank;

12 (D) how the Afghan Fund’s Board of
13 Trustees will decide on the type and appro-
14 priateness of the Fund’s activities, including
15 what kind of information will inform the
16 Board’s decisions and how the Board will col-
17 lect and verify this information; and

18 (E) a description of what controls have
19 been put into place to ensure funds are not di-
20 verted to or misused by the Taliban or other ac-
21 tors when the Fund begins making disburse-
22 ments.

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