

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1960
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At the appropriate place in title XII insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 12__ . SENSE OF CONGRESS STRONGLY SUPPORTING**
2 **THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF UNITED**
3 **STATES AND INTERNATIONAL SANCTIONS ON**
4 **IRAN AND URGING THE PRESIDENT TO CON-**
5 **TINUE TO STRENGTHEN ENFORCEMENT OF**
6 **SANCTIONS LEGISLATION.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

8 (1) On May 14, 1948, the people of Israel pro-
9 claimed the establishment of the sovereign and inde-
10 pendent State of Israel.

11 (2) On March 28, 1949, the United States Gov-
12 ernment recognized the establishment of the new
13 State of Israel and established full diplomatic rela-
14 tions.

15 (3) Since its establishment nearly 65 years ago,
16 the modern State of Israel has rebuilt a nation,
17 forged a new and dynamic democratic society, and
18 created a thriving economic, political, cultural, and
19 intellectual life despite the heavy costs of war, ter-

1 rorism, and unjustified diplomatic and economic boy-
2 cotts against the people of Israel.

3 (4) The people of Israel have established a vi-
4 brant, pluralistic, democratic political system, includ-
5 ing freedom of speech, association, and religion; a
6 vigorously free press; free, fair, and open elections;
7 the rule of law; a fully independent judiciary; and
8 other democratic principles and practices.

9 (5) Since the 1979 revolution in Iran, the lead-
10 ers of the Islamic Republic of Iran have repeatedly
11 made threats against the existence of the State of
12 Israel and sponsored acts of terrorism and violence
13 against its citizens.

14 (6) On October 27, 2005, President of Iran
15 Mahmoud Ahmadinejad called for a world without
16 America and Zionism.

17 (7) In February 2012, Supreme Leader of Iran
18 Ali Khamenei said of Israel, “The Zionist regime is
19 a true cancer tumor on this region that should be
20 cut off. And it definitely will be cut off.”.

21 (8) In August 2012, Supreme Leader
22 Khamenei said of Israel, “This bogus and fake Zion-
23 ist outgrowth will disappear off the landscape of ge-
24 ography.”.

1 (9) In August 2012, President Ahmadinejad
2 said that “in the new Middle East . . . there will be
3 no trace of the American presence and the Zionists”;

4 (10) The Department of State has designated
5 the Islamic Republic of Iran as a state sponsor of
6 terrorism since 1984 and has characterized the Is-
7 lamic Republic of Iran as the “most active state
8 sponsor of terrorism” in the world.

9 (11) The Government of the Islamic Republic of
10 Iran has provided weapons, training, funding, and
11 direction to terrorist groups, including Hamas,
12 Hizballah, and Shiite militias in Iraq that are re-
13 sponsible for the murder of hundreds of United
14 States service members and innocent civilians.

15 (12) The Government of the Islamic Republic of
16 Iran has provided weapons, training, and funding to
17 the regime of Bashar al Assad that has been used
18 to suppress and murder its own people.

19 (13) Since at least the late 1980s, the Govern-
20 ment of the Islamic Republic of Iran has engaged in
21 a sustained and well-documented pattern of illicit
22 and deceptive activities to acquire a nuclear weapons
23 capability.

24 (14) Since September 2005, the Board of Gov-
25 ernors of the International Atomic Energy Agency

1 (IAEA) has found the Islamic Republic of Iran to be
2 in non-compliance with its safeguards agreement
3 with the IAEA, which Iran is obligated to undertake
4 as a non-nuclear-weapon State Party to the Treaty
5 on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, done
6 at Washington, London, and Moscow July 1, 1968,
7 and entered into force March 5, 1970 (NPT).

8 (15) The United Nations Security Council has
9 adopted multiple resolutions since 2006 demanding
10 of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran
11 its full and sustained suspension of all uranium en-
12 richment-related and reprocessing activities and its
13 full cooperation with the IAEA on all outstanding
14 issues related to its nuclear activities, particularly
15 those concerning the possible military dimensions of
16 its nuclear program.

17 (16) The Government of the Islamic Republic of
18 Iran has refused to comply with United Nations Se-
19 curity Council resolutions or to fully cooperate with
20 the IAEA.

21 (17) In November 2011, the IAEA Director
22 General issued a report that documented “serious
23 concerns regarding possible military dimensions to
24 Iran’s nuclear programme”, and affirmed that infor-
25 mation available to the IAEA indicates that “Iran

1 has carried out activities relevant to the development
2 of a nuclear explosive device” and that some activi-
3 ties may be ongoing.

4 (18) The Government of Iran stands in viola-
5 tion of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
6 for denying its citizens basic freedoms, including the
7 freedoms of expression, religion, peaceful assembly
8 and movement, and for flagrantly abusing the rights
9 of minorities and women.

10 (19) In his State of the Union Address on Jan-
11 uary 24, 2012, President Barack Obama stated,
12 “Let there be no doubt: America is determined to
13 prevent Iran from getting a nuclear weapon, and I
14 will take no options off the table to achieve that
15 goal.”.

16 (20) Congress has passed and the President has
17 signed into law legislation imposing significant eco-
18 nomic and diplomatic sanctions on Iran to encourage
19 the Government of Iran to abandon its pursuit of
20 nuclear weapons and end its support for terrorism.

21 (21) These sanctions, while having significant
22 effect, have yet to persuade Iran to abandon its il-
23 licit pursuits and comply with United Nations Secu-
24 rity Council resolutions.

1 (22) More stringent enforcement of sanctions
2 legislation, including elements targeting oil exports
3 and access to foreign exchange, could still lead the
4 Government of Iran to change course.

5 (23) In his State of the Union Address on Feb-
6 ruary 12, 2013, President Obama reiterated, “The
7 leaders of Iran must recognize that now is the time
8 for a diplomatic solution, because a coalition stands
9 united in demanding that they meet their obliga-
10 tions. And we will do what is necessary to prevent
11 them from getting a nuclear weapon.”.

12 (24) On March 4, 2012, President Obama stat-
13 ed, “Iran’s leaders should understand that I do not
14 have a policy of containment; I have a policy to pre-
15 vent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon.”.

16 (25) On October 22, 2012, President Obama
17 said of Iran, “The clock is ticking . . . And we’re
18 going to make sure that if they do not meet the de-
19 mands of the international community, then we are
20 going to take all options necessary to make sure
21 they don’t have a nuclear weapon.”.

22 (26) On May 19, 2011, President Obama stat-
23 ed, “Every state has the right to self-defense, and
24 Israel must be able to defend itself, by itself, against
25 any threat.”.

1 (27) On September 21, 2011, President Obama
2 stated, “America’s commitment to Israel’s security
3 is unshakeable. Our friendship with Israel is deep
4 and enduring.”.

5 (28) On March 4, 2012, President Obama stat-
6 ed, “And whenever an effort is made to delegitimize
7 the state of Israel, my administration has opposed
8 them. So there should not be a shred of doubt by
9 now: when the chips are down, I have Israel’s
10 back.”.

11 (29) On October 22, 2012, President Obama
12 stated, “Israel is a true friend. And if Israel is at-
13 tacked, America will stand with Israel. I’ve made
14 that clear throughout my presidency . . . I will stand
15 with Israel if they are attacked.”.

16 (30) In December 2012, 74 United States Sen-
17 ators wrote to President Obama “As you begin your
18 second term as President, we ask you to reiterate
19 your readiness to take military action against Iran
20 if it continues its efforts to acquire a nuclear weap-
21 on. In addition, we urge you to work with our Euro-
22 pean and Middle Eastern allies to demonstrate to
23 the Iranians that a credible and capable multilateral
24 coalition exists that would support a military strike
25 if, in the end, this is unfortunately necessary.”.

1 (31) The United States-Israel Enhanced Secu-
2 rity Cooperation Act of 2012 (Public Law 112–150)
3 stated that it is United States policy to support
4 Israel’s inherent right to self-defense.

5 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—Congress—

6 (1) reaffirms the special bonds of friendship
7 and cooperation that have existed between the
8 United States and the State of Israel for more than
9 sixty years and that enjoy overwhelming bipartisan
10 support in Congress and among the people of the
11 United States;

12 (2) strongly supports the close military, intel-
13 ligence, and security cooperation that President
14 Obama has pursued with Israel and urges this co-
15 operation to continue and deepen;

16 (3) deplores and condemns, in the strongest
17 possible terms, the reprehensible statements and
18 policies of the leaders of the Islamic Republic of Iran
19 threatening the security and existence of Israel;

20 (4) recognizes the tremendous threat posed to
21 the United States, the West, and Israel by the Gov-
22 ernment of Iran’s continuing pursuit of a nuclear
23 weapons capability;

24 (5) reiterates that the policy of the United
25 States is to prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear

1 weapon capability and to take such action as may be
2 necessary to implement this policy;

3 (6) reaffirms its strong support for the full im-
4 plementation of United States and international
5 sanctions on Iran and urges the President to con-
6 tinue and strengthen enforcement of sanctions legis-
7 lation;

8 (7) declares that the United States has a vital
9 national interest in, and unbreakable commitment
10 to, ensuring the existence, survival, and security of
11 the State of Israel, and reaffirms United States sup-
12 port for Israel's right to self-defense; and

13 (8) urges that, if the Government of Israel is
14 compelled to take military action in legitimate self-
15 defense against Iran's nuclear weapons program, the
16 United States Government should stand with Israel
17 and provide, in accordance with United States law
18 and the constitutional responsibility of Congress to
19 authorize the use of military force, diplomatic, mili-
20 tary, and economic support to the Government of
21 Israel in its defense of its territory, people, and ex-
22 istence.

1 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
2 tion shall be construed as an authorization for the use of
3 force or a declaration of war.

