

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 119–33
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Add at the end of subtitle B of title XVII the following:

1 **SEC. 17___ . TARGETED ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES RE-**
2 **LATING TO INTERIM SYRIAN AUTHORITIES.**

3 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
4 gress that—

5 (1) the United States supports accountability
6 for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and acts of
7 persecution committed in Syria, including against re-
8 ligious and ethnic minority communities;

9 (2) reports further indicate ongoing incidents of
10 unlawful detention, ongoing sectarian violence fueled
11 by unpunished hate speech targeting minorities, ab-
12 duction of women and minors, collective termination
13 from employment, enforced disappearances, intimi-
14 dation leading to loss of private property and work,
15 covert forced displacements, police abuse of power
16 and government sponsored looting, forced religious
17 conversions and extrajudicial killings targeting vul-
18 nerable religious and ethnic populations;

1 (3) findings by the United States Commission
2 on International Religious Freedom and other cred-
3 ible international human rights monitors docu-
4 menting continuing violations of religious freedom
5 and ethnoreligious persecution;

6 (4) credible reports indicate that the interim
7 Syrian authorities have failed to adequately include
8 religious and ethnic minorities in governance and
9 transitional processes, have not sufficiently inves-
10 tigated or prosecuted crimes committed against such
11 communities, and have further failed to comply with
12 or submit required documentation and reporting re-
13 lated to conditions established under the lifting of
14 sanctions pursuant to the Caesar Syria Civilian Pro-
15 tection Act of 2019;

16 (5) reports indicate that the interim Syrian au-
17 thorities have failed to comply with congressionally
18 mandated reporting and certification requirements
19 related to the protection and inclusion of religious
20 and ethnic minority communities; and

21 (6) finally, reports indicate that the interim
22 Syrian authorities have failed to remove foreign
23 fighters from senior roles in the Government of
24 Syria, including those in the state and security insti-

1 tutions of Syria, and instead integrated these fight-
2 ers into independent divisions.

3 (b) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
4 United States that the President should utilize existing
5 authorities to impose targeted sanctions on specific Syrian
6 officials, security personnel, affiliated militia leaders, and
7 other foreign persons connected to the interim Syrian
8 President or members of the interim cabinet determined
9 to be responsible for, complicit in, or to have materially
10 assisted such abuses.

11 (c) REPORT AND DETERMINATION.—Not later than
12 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
13 Secretary of State, in coordination with the Director of
14 National Intelligence, shall submit to the appropriate con-
15 gressional committees—

16 (1) a report identifying senior Syrian officials
17 and affiliated persons credibly alleged to have par-
18 ticipated in, directed, facilitated, or concealed seri-
19 ous human rights abuses or acts of persecution
20 against religious or ethnic minorities; and

21 (2) a determination as to whether targeted
22 measures described in subsection (d) should be im-
23 posed with respect to persons identified in paragraph
24 (1) pursuant to existing United States sanctions au-
25 thorities.

1 (d) MEASURES DESCRIBED.—Measures described in
2 this subsection are the following:

3 (1) Blocking and freezing property pursuant to
4 the International Emergency Economic Powers Act
5 (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.).

6 (2) A determination of visa ineligibility, visa
7 revocation, denial of entry, or other immigration-re-
8 lated restriction authorized under Federal law.

9 (3) A restriction relating to access to property,
10 interests in property, or financial transactions sub-
11 ject to the jurisdiction of the United States, as au-
12 thorized under Federal law.

13 (4) Any other targeted measure authorized
14 under Federal law relating to terrorism, corruption,
15 war crimes, crimes against humanity, or serious
16 human rights abuses.

17 (e) RULES OF CONSTRICTION.—Nothing in this sec-
18 tion, nor any action taken pursuant to this section, may
19 be construed to—

20 (1) authorize the prohibition or regulation of
21 the importation of goods into the United States;

22 (2) require the imposition of any measure de-
23 scribed in subsection (d); or

- 1 (3) create any new sanctions authority not oth-
- 2 erwise authorized under Federal law.

