AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1735
OFFERED BY MR. ROSKAM OF ILLINOIS

At the appropriate place in title XII of the bill, insert the following:

SEC. 12xx. REPORT ON THE ASSESSMENT OF THE STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF QATAR.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The United States and the Government of Qatar have fostered a working relationship on various issues related to United States interests in the region, including Qatar’s active participation as a Coalition member in Operation Inherent Resolve to combat the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant.

(2) According to then-Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, David Cohen, “Qatar, a longtime U.S. ally, has for many years openly financed Hamas, a group that continues to undermine regional stability.”

(b) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—The Government of Qatar should do more to punish private individuals engaged in terror financing, and stop Qatari persons from
providing financial support to the leaders of multiple Foreign Terrorist Organizations, including the Islamic State, the al-Nusra Front, al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, al-Shabaab, the Taliban, Lashkar-e-Taiba, and al-Qaeda in Pakistan.

(c) Sense of Congress.—It is the sense of Congress that the United States should continually assess its strategic relationship with the Government of Qatar and ensure that it aligns with United States interests.

(d) Report.—

(1) In general.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the President shall submit to the specified congressional committees a report that—

(A) assesses the United States strategic relationship with the Government of Qatar as it relates to counterterrorism strategy, countering illicit financing, and military cooperation;

(B) assesses interactions of United States-designated FTOs, including Hamas, Islamic State, the al-Nusra Front, al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, al-Shabaab, the Taliban, Lashkar-e-Taiba, and al-Qaeda in Pakistan, within Qatari society;
(C) describes how the Al Udeid Air Base fits into United States’ strategic, national security architecture for the Arabian Gulf region, and the options, implications, and cost of relocating United States military assets at the Al Udeid Air Base to alternative regional bases; and

(D) describes the steps the President is taking to support the Government of Qatar to prevent FTOs from operating in Qatar and to stop the money flow from Qatari-based individuals to FTOs.

(2) FORM.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain a classified annex if necessary.

(3) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term “specified congressional committees” means—

(A) the congressional defense committees; and

(B) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.