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# H. R. 6060

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 25, 2023

Mr. OGLES (for himself, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Ms. BOEBERT, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, and Mr. MOORE of Alabama) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## 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 “Defunding Israel’s En-  
5 emies Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that—

1           (1) the brutal assault by Hamas and other Pal-  
2           estinian terrorist groups against the State of Israel,  
3           beginning on October 7, 2023, constitutes a decades-  
4           long continuation of efforts to irreparably undermine  
5           the sovereignty of the State of Israel;

6           (2) the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (re-  
7           ferred to as the “IRGC”), a paramilitary militant  
8           organization designated as a foreign terrorist organi-  
9           zation on April 15, 2019, has been cited by Hamas  
10          as actively engaging in planning for the land, sea,  
11          and air invasions of the State of Israel, and as of  
12          October 15, 2023, at least 30 United States citizens  
13          are dead and at least 13 are missing as a result of  
14          these attacks;

15          (3) on September 11, 2023, the Biden adminis-  
16          tration chose to facilitate the transfer of  
17          \$6,000,000,000 in funds to Tehran as part of a  
18          prisoner exchange, allowing the Iranian regime to  
19          potentially repurpose other funds for IRGC-sup-  
20          ported terrorist activities;

21          (4) on September 28, 2023, in contradiction of  
22          United States and Israeli security interests, 81  
23          Members of Congress voted against an amendment  
24          to prohibit the use of funds to delist the Iran Revo-

1 lutionary Guard Corps as a foreign terrorist organi-  
2 zation;

3 (5) as Israelis work to defend their nation  
4 against an unprovoked and evil assault, it is essen-  
5 tial to United States and Israeli security interests  
6 that United States-elected officials demonstrate un-  
7 mitigated unity in support for Israel. To this end,  
8 the Biden administration should—

9 (A) fully apply and preferably expand the  
10 funding limitation in the Taylor Force Act (22  
11 U.S.C. 2378c-1) to ensure that United States  
12 taxpayer dollars are not working against  
13 Israel’s heroic efforts; and

14 (B) in tandem with partners overseas, en-  
15 sure that the terrorist organizations waging war  
16 against Israel are regularly denied financing;

17 (6) until such time as Israel’s enemies are fully  
18 defeated, no ally or partner of the United States  
19 should, either directly or indirectly, provide support  
20 for Hezbollah, the Palestinian Authority, the Pal-  
21 estine Liberation Organization, and any successor or  
22 affiliated organizations, to include Hamas, the Pal-  
23 estinian Islamic Jihad, and the Lions’ Den;

24 (7) as President George W. Bush remarked be-  
25 fore a joint session of Congress in September 2001,

1 “Every nation, in every region, now has a decision  
2 to make. Either you are with us, or you are with the  
3 terrorists. From this day forward, any nation that  
4 continues to harbor or support terrorism will be re-  
5 garded by the United States as a hostile regime.”;

6 (8) several nations, including Saudi Arabia,  
7 Iraq, Pakistan, Turkey, Tunisia, Oman, and Kuwait  
8 have issued statements of condemnation against  
9 Israel. Qatar’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs also  
10 issued a statement that implicated Israel as “solely  
11 responsible for the ongoing escalation”. In that  
12 statement, the Qataris specifically stressed their  
13 “unwavering stance on the justice of the Palestinian  
14 cause” and for the “international community to  
15 compel Israel to cease its blatant violation of inter-  
16 national law”;

17 (9) nations that have historically benefitted  
18 from robust United States support should exercise  
19 extreme caution in undermining the United States  
20 greatest ally in the Middle East;

21 (10) Israel has regularly and repeatedly offered  
22 the Palestinians their own state and the ability to  
23 live side-by-side in peace with their neighbors;

1           (11) the Palestinian people have largely re-  
2           sponded to such overtures by attacking Israel’s right  
3           to exist; and

4           (12) if Palestinian terrorists refuse to accept  
5           Israel’s right to exist, and instead continue to resort  
6           to the senseless murder of countless Israeli civilians,  
7           the only tenable solution is a one-state solution with  
8           Jerusalem as the undivided capital of the State of  
9           Israel.

10 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION OF ASSISTANCE TO THE JUDEA AND**  
11 **SAMARIA AREA AND GAZA.**

12           Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no Fed-  
13           eral funds may be made available for any program,  
14           project, or activity located in any Palestinian-controlled  
15           area of Judea and Samaria or Gaza until the President  
16           of the United States, acting through the Secretary of  
17           State, certifies in writing to the appropriate congressional  
18           committees that those responsible for the October 2023  
19           attack against the State of Israel (including Hamas and  
20           Hezbollah) have agreed to a permanent cessation of hos-  
21           tilities.

22 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

23           In this Act, the term “appropriate congressional com-  
24           mittees” means—

1           (1) the Committee on Appropriations and the  
2           Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-  
3           resentatives; and

4           (2) the Committee on Appropriations and the  
5           Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

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