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# H. R. 1473

To prohibit the deployment of members of the Armed Forces to Syria for purposes of engaging in ground combat operations, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LEE (for herself, Mr. JONES, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. POCAN, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. BASS, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. MOORE, Mr. RASKIN, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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 “Prohibit Expansion  
5 of U.S. Combat Troops into Syria Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON UNITED STATES GROUND COM-**  
2 **BAT PRESENCE IN SYRIA.**

3 (a) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in subsection  
4 (b), no funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise  
5 made available for the Department of Defense may be ob-  
6 ligated or expended for the purpose of—

7 (1) deploying members of the United States  
8 Armed Forces on to the ground of Syria for the pur-  
9 poses of engaging in ground combat operations;

10 (2) awarding a contract to a private security  
11 contractor to conduct any activity on the ground of  
12 Syria; or

13 (3) otherwise establishing or maintaining any  
14 presence of members of the United States Armed  
15 Forces or private security contractors on the ground  
16 of Syria, unless the purpose of such presence is lim-  
17 ited solely to rescuing or protecting members of the  
18 United States Armed Forces from imminent danger.

19 (b) EXCEPTION.—The prohibition under subsection  
20 (a) does not apply to the deployment of United States  
21 Armed Forces to protect, rescue, or remove United States  
22 personnel.

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