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To prohibit the provision of United States security assistance to the Government of Saudi Arabia, and for other purposes.

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Mr. MCGOVERN (for himself, Mr. JONES, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. LEWIS, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. GABBARD, Ms. OMAR, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. NORTON, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. POCAN, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. WATERS, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To prohibit the provision of United States security assistance to the Government of Saudi Arabia, and for other purposes.

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. PROHIBITION ON SECURITY ASSISTANCE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date of the en-
5 actment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense may not—

6 (1) provide any United States assistance, in-
7 cluding security assistance, intelligence, training,

1 equipment, or services relating to maintenance, test-
2 ing, or technical data, to—

3 (A) the Government of Saudi Arabia, in-
4 cluding the Ministries of Defense, Interior, and
5 Intelligence; or

6 (B) any agent or instrumentality of such
7 Government; or

8 (2) engage in any defense cooperation with such
9 Government, Ministries, agents, or instrumentalities.

10 (b) EXCEPTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNITED
11 STATES PERSONNEL AND CITIZENS.—The prohibition
12 under subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to activi-
13 ties of the Department of Defense relating to the protec-
14 tion of United States diplomatic and consular posts or per-
15 sonnel or to the evacuation of United States citizens.

16 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON ARMS SALES.**

17 Beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act,
18 the President may not sell, transfer, deliver, license for
19 export, authorize the performance of any service relating
20 to, or otherwise make available any defense article, defense
21 service, or design and construction service, as such terms
22 are defined for purposes of the Arms Export Control Act
23 (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.), to the Government of Saudi Ara-
24 bia or to any agents or instrumentalities of such Govern-
25 ment.

1 **SEC. 3. CASE-BY-CASE WAIVER OF PROHIBITIONS ON SECU-**
2 **RITY ASSISTANCE AND ARMS SALES.**

3 (a) JOINT RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL TO WAIVE.—

4 The prohibitions in sections 1 and 2 may be waived on
5 a case-by-case basis if—

6 (1) the President submits to the appropriate
7 congressional committees a request to conduct a spe-
8 cific activity otherwise prohibited by such sections;
9 and

10 (2) there is enacted a joint resolution approving
11 the waiver of such prohibition with respect to such
12 specific activity.

13 (b) REPORT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST.—Each re-
14 quest submitted pursuant to subsection (a)(1) shall also
15 include a report describing—

16 (1) how the requested activity would advance
17 the national security and defense interests of the
18 United States;

19 (2) the status of the United States investigation
20 into each person who—

21 (A) authorized, ordered, carried out, or
22 had knowledge of the murder of journalist and
23 United States permanent resident Jamal
24 Khashoggi; or

1 (B) participated in attempts to cover up
2 information regarding the murder of Mr.
3 Khashoggi;

4 (3) the extent to which each person described
5 pursuant to paragraph (2) has been prosecuted or
6 otherwise held accountable for such conduct; and

7 (4) the status of the protection of human
8 rights, including the freedom of the press, in Saudi
9 Arabia.

10 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
11 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
12 sional committees” means—

13 (1) the Committee on Armed Services and the
14 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
15 resentatives; and

16 (2) the Committee on Armed Services and the
17 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

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