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# H. R. 6865

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 19, 2023

Ms. LEE of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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relating to Iran, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Allyship Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. COMPREHENSIVE POLICY AND STRATEGY.**

6 Not later than 60 days after the date of the enact-  
7 ment of this Act, the President shall issue a comprehensive  
8 policy and strategy with respect to Iran that includes the

1 manner in which the United States will achieve the fol-  
2 lowing:

3 (1) Counter threats posed to regional and glob-  
4 al security posed by the Islamic Republic of Iran.

5 (2) Support the human rights and humani-  
6 tarian needs of the people of Iran.

7 (3) Increase the ability of Iranians to access  
8 free and open information, particularly through the  
9 internet.

10 (4) Employ frozen Iranian assets for the benefit  
11 of the people of Iran.

12 **SEC. 3. COMPTROLLER GENERAL EVALUATION OF STRAT-**  
13 **EGY.**

14 Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment  
15 of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to Con-  
16 gress a report assessing the impact of United States ef-  
17 forts to achieve the goals described in section 2. Such re-  
18 port shall be submitted in unclassified form but may in-  
19 clude a classified annex.

20 **SEC. 4. IMPOSITION OF TARGETED SANCTIONS.**

21 Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment  
22 of this Act, the President shall determine whether any of  
23 the following persons meet the criteria for the imposition  
24 of sanctions pursuant to section 105 of the Comprehensive

1 Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of  
2 2010 (22 U.S.C. 8514):

3 (1) Any Iranian person who had a role in estab-  
4 lishing or implementing the legal framework respon-  
5 sible for the detention, prosecution, harassment, in-  
6 jury, or murder of peaceful participants in Iranian  
7 protests beginning September 16, 2022.

8 (2) Any Iranian person who had a role in estab-  
9 lishing or implementing the systems responsible  
10 for—

11 (A) denying Iranians access to free infor-  
12 mation;

13 (B) actively promoting misinformation or  
14 disinformation; or

15 (C) engagement in cybercrime.

16 **SEC. 5. MATERIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PEOPLE OF IRAN.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
18 sion of law, the Secretary of the Treasury shall, subject  
19 to subsection (c), establish a mechanism to facilitate the  
20 ability of United States persons to transfer up to \$6,000  
21 per year to any citizen of the Islamic Republic of Iran,  
22 as well as promoting the availability of technology to help  
23 Iranians circumvent restrictions on free and open commu-  
24 nication.

1 (b) ELIGIBLE TECHNOLOGY.—Technologies eligible  
2 for promotion under the authority provided by subsection  
3 (a) may include virtual private networks, Bluetooth, sat-  
4 ellite technology, and shortwave radio.

5 (c) PREVENTING MATERIAL SUPPORT FOR CRIMINAL  
6 ACTIONS.—The Secretary shall ensure that the mecha-  
7 nism described in subsection (a) shall not directly benefit  
8 any citizen of the Islamic Republic of Iran who the Sec-  
9 retary determines is—

10 (1) guilty of a gross violation of human rights;

11 (2) subject to sanctions imposed pursuant to  
12 the authority provided by the Global Magnitsky  
13 Human Rights Accountability Act (22 U.S.C. 10101  
14 et seq.);

15 (3) currently included in the List of Specially  
16 Designated Nationals or Blocked Persons main-  
17 tained by the Office of Foreign Assets control of the  
18 Department of the Treasury; or

19 (4) an employee of the Government of the Is-  
20 lamic Republic of Iran, or of any security force of  
21 the Islamic Republic of Iran.

22 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

23 There are authorized to be appropriated for each of  
24 fiscal years 2025 through 2029 \$50,000,000, for pro-  
25 grams, projects, and activities consistent with the goals

1 described in section 2. Amounts appropriated pursuant to  
2 the authorization under this section are authorized to re-  
3 main available for a period of 2 fiscal years.

4 **SEC. 7. PAROLE FOR VICTIMS OF POLITICAL PERSECU-**  
5 **TION.**

6 (a) **PROCESS REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of Home-  
7 land Security shall establish a process for determining eli-  
8 gibility for humanitarian parole subject to 212(d)(5) of  
9 the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.  
10 1182(d)(5)) for any eligible individual as defined in sub-  
11 section (b). The Secretary shall not impose a fee for any  
12 such request.

13 (b) **ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.**—For the purposes of  
14 this section, an eligible individual is any of the following:

15 (1) An individual that the Secretary, in con-  
16 sultation with the Secretary of State, determines  
17 was unjustly imprisoned by the Islamic Republic of  
18 Iran.

19 (2) A child or spouse of an individual that the  
20 Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of  
21 State, determines was unjustly imprisoned by the Is-  
22 lamic Republic of Iran.

23 (3) A child or spouse of an individual that the  
24 Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of

1 State, determines was killed by the Islamic Republic  
2 of Iran.

3 **SEC. 8. SENIOR ADVISOR FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS IN**  
4 **IRAN.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The President, acting in co-  
6 ordination with the Secretary of State, shall designate an  
7 individual to serve as Senior Advisor for Political Pris-  
8 oners in Iran.

9 (b) DUTIES.—The Senior Advisor for Political Pris-  
10 oners in Iran shall—

11 (1) advise the Secretary of State, the relevant  
12 heads of other Federal departments and independent  
13 agencies, and other entities within the Executive Of-  
14 fice of the President, regarding the establishment  
15 of—

16 (A) policies, goals, objectives, and priorities  
17 for supporting individuals unjustly imprisoned  
18 by the Islamic Republic of Iran, and their fam-  
19 ily members; and

20 (B) mechanisms to improve the effective-  
21 ness, coordination, impact, and outcomes of  
22 programs relating to individuals unjustly im-  
23 prisoned by the Islamic Republic of Iran, and  
24 their family members; and

1           (2) identify and assist in the resolution of any  
2           disputes that arise between Federal agencies relating  
3           to policies and programs to support individuals un-  
4           justly imprisoned by the Islamic Republic of Iran,  
5           and their family members.

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