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# H. R. 7527

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 14, 2022

Mr. STEUBE 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 “Recognition of the  
5 1995 Jordan Extradition Treaty with the U.S. Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The Attorney General filed criminal charges  
9 against Ahlam al Tamimi, a Jordanian national who

1 participated in the 2001 suicide bombing of a Jeru-  
2 salem pizza restaurant that killed 15 people, includ-  
3 ing two Americans, in 2013.

4 (2) Those charges were unsealed in early 2017.

5 (3) Al Tamimi is on the Federal Bureau of In-  
6 vestigation's Most Wanted Terrorist List.

7 (4) The United States requested Ahlam Al  
8 Tamimi's extradition in 2017, but Jordan's Court of  
9 Cassation ruled that the extradition treaty was in-  
10 valid.

11 (5) In November 2019, the Secretary of State  
12 said that "the United States regards the extradition  
13 treaty as valid".

14 (6) The United States and Jordan signed a  
15 Memorandum of Understanding on United States  
16 foreign assistance to Jordan, the third such agree-  
17 ment between the United States and Jordan, com-  
18 mitting the United States to providing  
19 \$1,275,000,000 per year in bilateral foreign assist-  
20 ance over a five-year period, for a total of  
21 \$6,375,000,000 between fiscal years 2018 and 2022.

22 (7) This latest memorandum of understanding  
23 represents a 27-percent increase in the United  
24 States commitment to Jordan above the previous  
25 iteration and is the first five-year memorandum with

1 the kingdom. The previous two agreements had each  
2 been in effect for three years.

3 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

4 It is the policy of the United States—

5 (1) to pursue justice for the victims of Ahlam  
6 al Tamimi; and

7 (2) to withhold foreign assistance from the  
8 Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan until Jordan recog-  
9 nizes the Extradition Treaty between the Govern-  
10 ment of the United States of America and the Gov-  
11 ernment of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan,  
12 signed at Washington on March 28, 1995, and en-  
13 tered into force on July 29, 1995.

14 **SEC. 4. LIMITATION ON FUNDS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date of the en-  
16 actment of this Act, no funds authorized to be appro-  
17 priated or otherwise made available for any program,  
18 project, or activity in Jordan may be obligated or ex-  
19 pended unless the President determines that the Govern-  
20 ment of Jordan has recognized the validity of the Extra-  
21 dition Treaty between the Government of the United  
22 States of America and the Government of the Hashemite  
23 Kingdom of Jordan.

24 (b) WITHDRAWAL FROM MEMORANDUM OF UNDER-  
25 STANDING.—The United States shall withdraw from the

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- 1 memorandum of understanding described in section 2(4)
- 2 unless the President makes the determination described
- 3 in subsection (a).

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