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To direct the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Security to add questions to visa application forms, applications to register permanent residence or adjust status, and applications for naturalization, related to affiliation with the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps, including any Basij organizations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BANKS (for himself, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. STEUBE, Mrs. McCLAIN, Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. CLINE, Mr. PFLUGER, Mrs. BOEBERT, and Mr. SESSIONS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting America
3 from IRGC Terrorists Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL WRITTEN QUESTIONS ON VISA APPLI-**
5 **CATION FORMS.**

6 (a) NONIMMIGRANT AND IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICA-
7 TION FORMS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of
8 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall revise
9 the nonimmigrant and immigrant visa application forms
10 to include, for an alien who indicates on such application
11 that the alien’s place of birth or country of origin is Iran,
12 questions on the following:

13 (1) Whether the alien has ever served in an of-
14 ficial or unofficial capacity in the executive, par-
15 liamentary, or judicial branches of the Iranian Gov-
16 ernment, or the Office of the Supreme Leader of the
17 Islamic Republic of Iran, including as an appointee,
18 advisor, or assistant.

19 (2) In the case that the answer to the question
20 posed pursuant to paragraph (1) is yes, require an
21 answer to each of the following:

22 (A) Whether the alien has ever performed
23 any law enforcement or national security func-
24 tions for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly,
25 the Islamic Republic of Iran, including the po-
26 lice, or its special units, or any state-sponsored

1 vigilante organizations, such as Ansar-e
2 Hezbollah.

3 (B) Whether the alien has ever rendered a
4 financial transaction or transactions, of any fi-
5 nancial service to or for, or on behalf of the Is-
6 lamic Republic of Iran in violation of United
7 States sanctions.

8 (C) Whether the alien has ever acquired or
9 attempted to acquire any good, service, or tech-
10 nology subject to United States export control
11 restrictions to or for the Islamic Republic of
12 Iran, including—

13 (i) sections 742.8 and 746.7 of title
14 15, Code of Federal Regulations (or any
15 successor regulations); and

16 (ii) sections 560.204 and 560.205 of
17 title 31, Code of Federal Regulations (or
18 any successor regulations).

19 (3) Whether the alien is or has been a member
20 of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (in this
21 section, referred to as “IRGC”) or any of its
22 branches, including the IRGC Aerospace Force, its
23 Space Command or UAV Command subunits, the
24 IRGC Navy, the IRGC Ground Force, the IRGC
25 Quds Force, the IRGC Intelligence Organization, the

1 IRGC Intelligence Protection Organization, the
2 IRGC Cyber-Defense Command, the IRGC Ansar al-
3 Mahdi Protection Unit, the IRGC Vali-e Amr Unit,
4 IRGC provincial commands, the Khatam al-Anbiya
5 Construction Headquarters, the IRGC Cooperative
6 Foundation, the Basij Resistance Force or any of its
7 subunits, such as the Imam Hossein Brigades or the
8 Imam Ali Brigades, or the Basij Cooperative Foun-
9 dation.

10 (4) In the case that the answer to the question
11 posed pursuant to paragraph (3) is yes, require an
12 answer to each of the following:

13 (A) Whether the alien has been a conscript
14 for the IRGC.

15 (B) Whether the alien has been deployed
16 abroad by the IRGC or any of its branches or
17 affiliates described in paragraph (3).

18 (C) Whether the alien has retained an ac-
19 tive-duty status with the IRGC or any of its
20 branches or affiliates described in paragraph
21 (3).

22 (D) Whether the alien has participated in
23 recruiting members or activists on behalf of the
24 IRGC or any of its branches or affiliates de-
25 scribed in paragraph (3).

1 (E) Whether the alien has been paid, aside
2 from conscription, for service rendered to the
3 IRGC or any of its branches or affiliates de-
4 scribed in paragraph (3).

5 **SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL WRITTEN QUESTIONS ON APPLICA-**
6 **TION TO REGISTER PERMANENT RESIDENCE**
7 **OR ADJUST STATUS.**

8 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
9 of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall in-
10 clude in an application to register permanent residence or
11 adjust status a question on whether the alien has ever
12 been a member of, or in any way associated with, the Is-
13 lamic Revolutionary Guards Corps, its armed or unarmed
14 branches, subunits or subgroups, or any other Iranian
15 state-sponsored paramilitary, vigilante or voluntary
16 groups.

17 **SEC. 4. ADDITIONAL WRITTEN QUESTIONS ON APPLICA-**
18 **TION FOR NATURALIZATION.**

19 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
20 of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall in-
21 clude in an application for naturalization a question on
22 whether the alien has ever been a member of, or in any
23 way associated with, the Islamic Revolutionary Guards
24 Corps, its armed or unarmed branches, subunits or sub-

- 1 groups, or any other Iranian state-sponsored paramilitary,
- 2 vigilante or voluntary groups.

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