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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BACON 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Foreign Terrorist Or-
5 ganization Designation Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZA-**
2 **TIONS.**

3 (a) ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS.—Sec-
4 tion 212 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
5 1182) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)(3)(B)(i), in the matter fol-
7 lowing subclause (IX), by inserting after “the Pal-
8 estine Liberation Organization” the following: “, or
9 a member or conscript or a former member or con-
10 script of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps,”;
11 and

12 (2) in subsection (d)(3)(B)(i), by inserting “,
13 no such waiver may be extended to an alien who is
14 a member or representative of, or has knowingly and
15 voluntarily provided any level of support to an orga-
16 nization described in subsection (a)(3)(B)(vi)(I)” be-
17 fore “, and no such waiver may”.

18 (b) REVOCATION.—Section 219(a)(6) of the Immi-
19 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189(a)(6)) is
20 amended—

21 (1) by amending subparagraph (A) to read as
22 follows:

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may re-
24 voke a designation made under paragraph (1)
25 at any time, and shall revoke a designation
26 upon completion of a review conducted pursu-

1 ant to subparagraphs (B) and (C) of paragraph
2 (4) if—

3 “(i) the Secretary finds that—

4 “(I) the organization no longer
5 fits the criteria listed under subpara-
6 graphs (B) and (C) of paragraph (1);
7 or

8 “(II) the national security of the
9 United States warrants a revocation;
10 and

11 “(ii) the Secretary of State and the
12 Secretary of Defense submit to the Speak-
13 er and Minority Leader of the House of
14 Representatives, the President pro tem-
15 pore, Majority Leader, and Minority Lead-
16 er of the Senate, and the members of the
17 relevant committees of the House of Rep-
18 resentatives and the Senate, together with
19 the findings and the factual basis of the
20 revocation, a joint certification, indicating
21 that the organization has not engaged in
22 terrorism or support of terrorism for 2
23 years prior to the proposed revocation of
24 the designation.”; and

25 (2) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(C) CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORITY.—The
2 Congress, by an Act of Congress, may block a
3 revocation of a designation made under para-
4 graph (1).”.

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