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To impose sanctions with respect to Iranian persons responsible for knowingly engaging in significant activities undermining cybersecurity, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ROUNDS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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 “Iran Cyber Sanctions
5 Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO IRA-**
2 **NIAN PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR KNOW-**
3 **INGLY ENGAGING IN SIGNIFICANT ACTIVI-**
4 **TIES UNDERMINING CYBERSECURITY.**

5 (a) CYBERSECURITY REPORT REQUIRED.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
7 the date of the enactment of this Act, and not less
8 frequently than once every 180 days thereafter, the
9 President shall submit to the appropriate congress-
10 sional committees a report that describes significant
11 activities undermining cybersecurity conducted by
12 Iranian persons against the Government of the
13 United States or any United States person.

14 (2) INFORMATION.—The report required under
15 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

16 (A) The identity of Iranian persons that
17 have knowingly engaged in, directed, or pro-
18 vided material support for significant activities
19 undermining cybersecurity described in para-
20 graph (1).

21 (B) A description of the conduct engaged
22 in by each Iranian person identified under sub-
23 paragraph (A).

24 (C) An assessment of the extent to which
25 the Government of Iran or another foreign gov-
26 ernment has provided material support in the

1 conduct of significant activities undermining cy-
2 bersecurity described in paragraph (1).

3 (D) A strategy to counter efforts by Ira-
4 nian persons to conduct significant activities
5 undermining cybersecurity described in para-
6 graph (1), including efforts to engage foreign
7 governments to halt the capability of Iranian
8 persons to conduct those activities.

9 (3) FORM.—The report required under para-
10 graph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form but
11 may include a classified annex.

12 (b) DESIGNATION OF PERSONS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
14 graph (2), the President shall include on the spe-
15 cially designated nationals and blocked persons list
16 maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control
17 of the Department of the Treasury—

18 (A) any Iranian person identified under
19 subsection (a)(2)(A); and

20 (B) any Iranian person for which the De-
21 partment of Justice has issued an indictment in
22 connection with significant activities under-
23 mining cybersecurity against the Government of
24 the United States or any United States person.

1 (2) EXCEPTION.—The President is not required
2 to include a person described in paragraph (1)(B) on
3 the specially designated nationals and blocked per-
4 sons list maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets
5 Control of the Department of the Treasury if the
6 President submits to the appropriate congressional
7 committees an explanation of the reasons for not in-
8 cluding that person on that list.

9 (c) PRESIDENTIAL BRIEFINGS TO CONGRESS.—Not
10 later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of
11 this Act, and periodically thereafter, the President shall
12 provide a briefing to the appropriate congressional com-
13 mittees on efforts to implement this section.

14 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
16 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
17 mittees” means—

18 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations,
19 the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-
20 ernmental Affairs, and the Committee on Bank-
21 ing, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate;
22 and

23 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
24 Committee on Homeland Security, the Com-
25 mittee on Financial Services, and the Com-

1 mittee on Ways and Means of the House of
2 Representatives.

3 (2) IRANIAN PERSON.—The term “Iranian per-
4 son” means—

5 (A) an individual who is a citizen or na-
6 tional of Iran; and

7 (B) an entity organized under the laws of
8 Iran or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of
9 the Government of Iran.

10 (3) SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES UNDERMINING CY-
11 BERSECURITY.—The term “significant activities un-
12 dermining cybersecurity” includes—

13 (A) significant efforts to—

14 (i) deny access to or degrade, disrupt,
15 or destroy an information and communica-
16 tions technology system or network; or

17 (ii) exfiltrate information from such a
18 system or network without authorization;

19 (B) significant destructive malware at-
20 tacks;

21 (C) significant denial of service activities;
22 and

23 (D) such other significant activities as may
24 be described in regulations prescribed to imple-
25 ment this section.

1 (4) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term
2 “United States person” means—

3 (A) an individual who is a citizen of the
4 United States or an alien lawfully admitted for
5 permanent residence to the United States; and

6 (B) an entity organized under the laws of
7 the United States or any jurisdiction within the
8 United States, including a foreign branch of
9 such an entity.

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