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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2021

Mr. GOOD of Virginia (for himself and Mr. JACKSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign 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 China Account-
5 ability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Ac-
2 tion (JCPOA) provided Iran with over
3 \$100,000,000,000 in sanctions relief, circumventing
4 mandatory sanctions imposed by the Congress of the
5 United States.

6 (2) The Obama Administration delivered
7 \$400,000,000 in cash to Iran in 2016.

8 (3) President Trump wisely removed the United
9 States from the disastrous JCPOA on May 8, 2018,
10 and implemented a campaign of maximum economic
11 pressure on Iran until the regime ends its nuclear
12 program, its pursuit of ballistic missiles, its support
13 of terrorism and regional destabilization, and re-
14 leases all United States hostages.

15 (4) Iran and China signed a 25-year strategic
16 economic cooperation agreement on March 27, 2021.

17 (5) This agreement involves a transfer of
18 \$400,000,000,000 from the Chinese Communist
19 Party to the Iranian Government.

20 (6) The Chinese Communist Party is commit-
21 ting an ongoing genocide against Uighur Muslims in
22 the Xinjiang region and suppressing religious free-
23 dom across the country.

24 (7) The Chinese Communist Party is also sup-
25 pressing religious freedom by wrongly imprisoning

1 Christians, raiding house churches, and attempting
2 to shut down houses of worship not endorsed by the
3 government.

4 (8) The Iranian government is perpetrating vio-
5 lence against its own people, including through the
6 killing of protesters, and the persecution of women
7 and religious minorities. It is also involved in severe
8 violations of human rights throughout the Middle
9 East, including supporting the brutal Assad regime
10 in Syria.

11 (9) China has increased its purchases of oil
12 from Iran, in violation of United States sanctions, in
13 the past few months. Such oil sales would be per-
14 mitted if the United States lifts sanctions on Iran
15 and re-enters the failed Iran nuclear deal.

16 (10) The failed Iran nuclear deal required that
17 the United Nations arms embargo on Iran expire in
18 October 2020, which permits China to sell arms to
19 Iran, and permits Iran to sell arms to China.

20 (11) The United States Government unequivoco-
21 cally condemns the Hamas-incited terrorist attacks
22 originating from Israeli land currently occupied by
23 Hamas.

1 (12) The United States Government recognizes
2 Israel’s right to defend itself from Hamas-incited
3 terrorist attacks.

4 **SEC. 3. LIMITATIONS WITH RESPECT TO ANY IRAN NU-**
5 **CLEAR AGREEMENT.**

6 (a) LIMITATIONS PRIOR TO ENTERING INTO NEGO-
7 TIATIONS.—No Federal funds may be authorized to be ap-
8 propriated or otherwise made available to enter into any
9 negotiation with the Government of Iran with respect to
10 an Iran nuclear agreement until the President certifies to
11 Congress that—

12 (1) the Government of China has ceased to in-
13 carcerate Uighur individuals in concentration camps
14 in the Xinjiang region;

15 (2) the Government of Iran has terminated—

16 (A) all agreements involving the transfer of
17 funds to such Government from China; and

18 (B) all agreements involving a strategic
19 military or security partnership with China;

20 (3) the Government of Iran has terminated all
21 ties and transfer of cash to Iranian proxy forces, in-
22 cluding Hamas; and

23 (4) the Government of Iran has verified the de-
24 struction of any and all chemical weapons, materials,
25 and infrastructure.

1 (b) REQUIREMENT FOR CONTENTS OF AGREE-
2 MENT.—No Federal funds may be authorized to be appro-
3 priated or otherwise made available for United States
4 entry into any Iran nuclear agreement, and the President
5 may not take any action (including in the form of an agen-
6 da, agreement, platform, or plan) to carry out the goals
7 of such an agreement, unless such agreement certifies the
8 destruction of any and all Iranian nuclear and missile ca-
9 pabilities, weapons, infrastructure, chemical weapons, and
10 offensive cyber activity.

11 (c) RATIFICATION REQUIRED.—Notwithstanding any
12 other provision of law, any Iran nuclear agreement shall
13 be deemed a treaty for purposes of the requirement of the
14 advice and consent of the Senate to ratification. The
15 President may not take any action (including in the form
16 of an agenda, agreement, platform, or plan) to carry out
17 the goals of such an agreement until the Senate has adopt-
18 ed a resolution of advice and consent to such ratification.

19 (d) REPORT REQUIRED.—The Secretary of State
20 shall submit to Congress, prior to the submission of a pro-
21 posed Iran nuclear agreement to the Senate for ratifica-
22 tion in accordance with subsection (c), a report setting
23 forth the manner and extent to which the negotiation and
24 terms of such proposed Iran nuclear agreement comply
25 with each limitation under this section.

1 **SEC. 4. IRAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT DEFINED.**

2 In this Act, the term “Iran nuclear agreement”
3 means—

4 (1) the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action,
5 signed at Vienna July 14, 2015, by Iran and by the
6 People’s Republic of China, France, Germany, the
7 Russian Federation, the United Kingdom and the
8 United States, with the High Representative of the
9 European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security
10 Policy, and all implementing materials and agree-
11 ments related to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of
12 Action; and

13 (2) any successor or other agreement exchang-
14 ing relief from international sanctions for restric-
15 tions on Iran’s nuclear program.

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