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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 7, 2024

Mr. COTTON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental 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 “No Clearances for Ter-
5 rorist Sympathizers Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON GRANTING OR RENEWING SECU-**
2 **RITY CLEARANCES TO PERSONS WHO HAVE**
3 **PUBLICLY EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR A FOR-**
4 **EIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, THE IS-**
5 **LAMIC REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS, OR**
6 **ANY AFFILIATE OF SUCH CORPS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (b) of section 3002 of
8 the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of
9 2004 (50 U.S.C. 3343) is amended—

10 (1) by striking “covered person who is an” and
11 inserting the following: “covered person who—

12 “(1) is an”;

13 (2) in paragraph (1), as designated by para-
14 graph (1), by striking the period at the end and in-
15 serting a semicolon;

16 (3) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(2) has ever publicly expressed support for any
18 organization designated as a foreign terrorist organi-
19 zation pursuant to section 219(a) of the Immigra-
20 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189(a)), the Is-
21 lamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, or any affiliate of
22 such Corps, including Hamas and Hezbollah; or

23 “(3) has ties to or supports the Islamic Revolu-
24 tionary Guard Corps or any affiliate of such Corps,
25 including Hamas and Hezbollah.”; and

1 (4) in the subsection heading by striking “PRO-
2 HIBITION” and inserting “PROHIBITIONS”.

3 (b) PERIODIC AUDITS.—Such section is amended by
4 adding at the end the following:

5 “(e) PERIODIC AUDITS.—Not less frequently than
6 once every two years, the Inspector General of the Intel-
7 ligence Community shall—

8 “(1) audit the clearance granting and renewal
9 process of each Federal agency that has authority to
10 grant or renew a security clearance; and

11 “(2) for each Federal agency audited pursuant
12 to paragraph (1), submit to Congress a certification
13 as to whether the Federal agency has effective meas-
14 ures in effect to determine whether an applicant for
15 a security clearance has ever expressed support for
16 any organization designated as a foreign terrorist or-
17 ganization pursuant to section 219(a) of the Immi-
18 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189(a)), the
19 Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, or any affiliate
20 of such Corps, including Hamas and Hezbollah.”.

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