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H. R. 8334

To provide for the suspension of bilateral and multilateral foreign assistance to the Government of Somalia, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JACKSON of Texas (for himself, Mr. BARR, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, Mr. BAIRD, and Mr. BURCHETT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To provide for the suspension of bilateral and multilateral foreign assistance to the Government of Somalia, and for other purposes.

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 “Taxpayer Protection
5 and Somalia Accountability Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that—

1 (1) the President should direct the heads of ap-
2 appropriate Federal agencies to restrict, prevent, or
3 stop the transfer of all remittances from individuals
4 or entities in the United States to individuals or en-
5 tities in the Federal Republic of Somalia until such
6 time as the President determines—

7 (A) funds remitted are not United States
8 funds disbursed through Federal, State, or local
9 government support programs;

10 (B) the sender of the funds remitted is not
11 receiving financial or other support through a
12 Federal, State, or local program;

13 (C) the funds remitted to persons in Soma-
14 lia are not being transferred to officials within
15 the national Government of Somalia; and

16 (D) the funds remitted to individuals or
17 beneficiaries in Somalia are not being directed
18 to or benefitting foreign terrorist organizations;
19 and

20 (2) the President should direct the heads of ap-
21 propriate Federal agencies to review all instances of
22 reported or suspected acts of fraud, waste, or abuse
23 in United States foreign assistance programs in So-
24 malia in which such acts are suspected to have been

1 carried out by officials of the national Government
2 of Somalia or at their direction or for their benefit.

3 **SEC. 3. BRIEFING.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall brief
5 the appropriate congressional committees on—

6 (1) evidence of United States funds being
7 transferred to persons or entities within the Federal
8 Republic of Somalia, including an identification of
9 individuals who facilitate or support the transfer of
10 such funds;

11 (2) evidence of the remittance system between
12 the United States being used to benefit officials of
13 the national Government of Somalia; and

14 (3) evidence of remittances being received or
15 otherwise benefitting foreign terrorist organizations
16 or organizations benefitting from foreign terrorist
17 organizations.

18 (b) FORM.—The briefing required by this section
19 shall—

20 (1) be provided in unclassified form; and

21 (2) include a classified annex as appropriate.

1 **SEC. 4. SUSPENSION OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL**
2 **FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT**
3 **OF SOMALIA.**

4 (a) BILATERAL ASSISTANCE.—Notwithstanding any
5 other provision of law, no bilateral foreign assistance, in-
6 cluding assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act of
7 1961 and the Arms Export Control Act, should be pro-
8 vided to the national Government of Somalia only if ade-
9 quate safeguards are in place to mitigate the risk of diver-
10 sion of such assistance.

11 (b) MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE.—Notwithstanding
12 any other provision of law, no contributions or funding
13 to international organizations or non-governmental orga-
14 nizations may be used by such organizations for the direct
15 benefit or use of the national Government of Somalia.

16 (c) WAIVER.—The Secretary of State may waive the
17 suspension of bilateral foreign assistance to the national
18 Government of Somalia under subsection (a) on a case-
19 by-case basis if the Secretary certifies to the appropriate
20 congressional committees that the provision of such assist-
21 ance is in the national interests of the United States.

22 **SEC. 5. VISA RESTRICTIONS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall apply
24 the restrictions under section 7031(c) of the Department
25 of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Ap-
26 propriations Act (division F of Public Law 118–47; 8

1 U.S.C. 1182 note) to any current or former official of the
2 national Government of Somalia whom the Secretary has
3 information was involved in—

4 (1) significant corruption related to the diver-
5 sion of United States foreign assistance;

6 (2) the destruction or seizure of United States-
7 funded humanitarian facilities; or

8 (3) facilitating the provision of United States
9 foreign assistance to foreign terrorist organizations.

10 (b) INCLUSION OF DIPLOMATIC AND G VISAS.—The
11 Secretary of State may not exempt individuals from the
12 application of the restrictions under subsection (a) if such
13 individuals are holders of, or applicants for, A-category
14 (Diplomatic) or G-category (International Organization)
15 visas if such individuals are determined to be involved in
16 the activities described in subsection (a).

17 (c) FAMILY MEMBERS.—The restrictions described in
18 subsection (a) shall also be applied to the immediate fam-
19 ily members of individuals who are determined to be in-
20 volved in the activities described in subsection (a).

21 **SEC. 6. OTHER SANCTIONS.**

22 Not later than 60 days after the date of the enact-
23 ment of this Act, the President may impose the sanctions
24 under the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability

1 Act (22 U.S.C. 10101 et seq.) with respect to any foreign
2 person that the President determines—

3 (1) is collaborating with the national Govern-
4 ment of Somalia to engage in corruption or other ac-
5 tivities relating to the diversion of United States
6 funds intended for the people of Somalia; or

7 (2) has materially assisted, sponsored, or pro-
8 vided financial, material, or technological support
9 for, or goods or services in support of, corruption or
10 other activities described in paragraph (1).

11 **SEC. 7. DEPARTMENT OF STATE REWARDS PROGRAM.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall exer-
13 cise authority under section 36 of the State Department
14 Basic Authorities Act (22 U.S.C. 2708) to offer rewards
15 for information leading to—

16 (1) the identification and location of nationals
17 of the Federal Republic of Somalia or officials of the
18 national Government of Somalia involved in defraud-
19 ing United States Government programs; or

20 (2) the recovery of assets stolen or defrauded
21 from the United States Treasury by Somali-based
22 networks.

23 (b) FUNDING.—Rewards under this section—

24 (1) may be paid from the Emergencies in the
25 Diplomatic and Consular Service account; and

1 (2) may not to exceed \$250,000 per reward.

2 **SEC. 8. DEFINITIONS.**

3 In this Act—

4 (1) the term “appropriate congressional com-
5 mittees” means—

6 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
7 the Committee on Financial Services of the
8 House of Representatives; and

9 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations
10 and the Committee on Finance of the Senate;
11 and

12 (2) the term “foreign terrorist organization”
13 means an organization designated by the Secretary
14 of State pursuant to section 219 of the Immigration
15 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189).

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