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To suspend the provision of United States foreign assistance to the
Palestinian Authority, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOHO (for himself, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. PERRY, Mr. COFFMAN, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. POSEY, and Mr. HARRIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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to the Palestinian Authority, 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 “Foreign Assistance Ac-
5 countability Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Since fiscal year 2008, the annual regular-
9 year United States bilateral assistance to the West

1 Bank and Gaza Strip has averaged approximately
2 \$500 million per fiscal year, including annual aver-
3 ages of approximately \$200 million in direct budg-
4 etary assistance and \$100 million in non-lethal secu-
5 rity assistance for the Palestinian Authority in the
6 West Bank.

7 (2) The Government Accountability Office has
8 found some glaring insufficiencies in the vetting
9 process of the foreign aid grants to the Palestinian
10 Authority and as such it is very easy for United
11 States foreign aid dollars to be used to provide a
12 monthly stipend for accused terrorists.

13 (3) The Palestinian Authority Government Res-
14 olutions 21 and 23 (2010) codified into law a long-
15 standing Palestinian Authority practice of providing
16 a monthly salary to “anyone imprisoned in the occu-
17 pation’s [Israel’s] prisons as a result of his partici-
18 pation in the struggle against the occupation.”.

19 (4) According to the Palestinian Authority’s
20 definition, more than 4,500 Palestinian prisoners as
21 of December 2012 are serving time for terror-related
22 offenses and are recipients of salaries allocated from
23 the Palestinian Authority’s general salary budget
24 that range from 2,400 to 12,000 shekels (\$680 to
25 \$3,400) per month.

1 **SEC. 3. SUSPENSION OF UNITED STATES FOREIGN ASSIST-**
2 **ANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY.**

3 (a) SUSPENSION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
4 sion of law, beginning on the date of the enactment of
5 this Act, the President shall suspend the provision of
6 United States foreign assistance to the Palestinian Au-
7 thority.

8 (b) REINSTATEMENT.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President may reinstate
10 the provision of United States foreign assistance to
11 the Palestinian Authority that is suspended under
12 subsection (a) if the President determines that the
13 Palestinian Authority has taken sufficient action to
14 stop providing funds or rewards to terrorist organi-
15 zations and working with terrorist organizations, in-
16 cluding Hamas.

17 (2) CONSULTATION.—The President shall con-
18 sult with Congress regarding the matters described
19 in paragraph (1) prior to making a determination
20 under paragraph (1).

21 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

22 The President shall submit to Congress on an annual
23 basis a report on matters relating to this Act, including
24 documentation on the extent to which the Palestinian Au-

- 1 thority works with or otherwise supports terrorist organi-
- 2 zations.

