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To impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran to protect against human rights abuses in Iran, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. RUBIO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

To impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran to protect against human rights abuses in Iran, 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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Iran Human Rights Accountability Act of 2014”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Findings.

Sec. 3. Expansion of list of persons involved in human rights abuses in Iran.

Sec. 4. Identification of, and imposition of sanctions with respect to, certain Iranian individuals.

- Sec. 5. Imposition of sanctions with respect to persons who conduct transactions with or on behalf of certain Iranian individuals.
- Sec. 6. United States support for the people of Iran.
- Sec. 7. United States Special Coordinator on Human Rights and Democracy in Iran.
- Sec. 8. Broadcasting to Iran.
- Sec. 9. Sense of Congress on establishment of multilateral mechanism to promote human rights in Iran.
- Sec. 10. Sense of Congress on role of the United Nations in promoting human rights in Iran.
- Sec. 11. Rule of construction with respect to the use of force.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress makes the following findings:

3 (1) On February 21, 2014, the Office of the
 4 High Commissioner on Human Rights of the United
 5 Nations stated, with respect to Iran, “We regret
 6 that the new government has not changed its ap-
 7 proach to the death penalty and continues to impose
 8 capital punishment for a wide range of offences. We
 9 urge the government to immediately halt executions
 10 and to institute a moratorium.”.

11 (2) Iran was rated as “not free” in the 2014
 12 Freedom of the Press Report of the international or-
 13 ganization Freedom House, for a lack of flow of
 14 independent information and the inability of print,
 15 broadcast, and Internet-based news outlets to oper-
 16 ate freely and without fear of repercussions.

17 (3) On March 11, 2014, the Secretary General
 18 of the United Nations, Ban Ki-moon, stated that
 19 “the new administration [in Iran] has not made any
 20 significant improvement in the promotion and pro-

1 tection of freedom of expression and opinion, despite
2 pledges made by the President during his campaign
3 and after is swearing-in”.

4 (4) According to Freedom House, none of the
5 elections held in Iran after the 1979 Islamic revolution
6 have been regarded as free or fair.

7 (5) According to the Committee to Protect
8 Journalists, as of December 1, 2013, Iran was the
9 second worst jailer of journalists worldwide after
10 Turkey. Additionally, research of the Committee to
11 Protect Journalists ranks Iran as first among countries
12 where journalists have fled into exile between
13 2009 and 2014.

14 (6) According to the international human rights
15 organization, Iran Human Rights, executions in Iran
16 soared to record-breaking levels in 2014. As of June
17 2014, more than 2 people were executed every day,
18 and more than 320 executions took place in the first
19 5 months of 2014.

20 (7) In August 2011, Amir Hekmati, a United
21 States veteran, was unjustly detained while visiting
22 his family in Iran and, as of June 2014, has remained
23 in a prison in Iran for almost 3 years on
24 false espionage charges.

1 (8) On January 27, 2013, Saeed Abedini, a
2 pastor from the United States, was sentenced to an
3 8-year prison term in Iran because of his Christian
4 faith and has been incarcerated since September 26,
5 2012, despite serious health issues.

6 (9) In March 2007, Robert Levinson, a former
7 agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, dis-
8 appeared in Iran during a business trip. Mr.
9 Levinson is one of the longest held United States
10 citizens in history.

11 (10) The United States has designated Iran as
12 a country of particular concern for religious freedom
13 pursuant to section 402(b)(1) of the International
14 Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C.
15 6442(b)(1)) for severe violations of religious freedom
16 in every year from 1999 through 2014.

17 (11) Members of the Baha'i Faith in Iran, esti-
18 mated to number between 300,000 and 350,000, are
19 not recognized as a religious minority in the Con-
20 stitution of Iran, enjoy virtually no rights under the
21 law, and are banned from practicing their faith.

22 (12) On December 20, 2013, the United States
23 Senate agreed to Senate Resolution 75, 113th Con-
24 gress, condemning the Government of Iran for its
25 state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority

1 and its continued violation of the International Cov-
2 enants on Human Rights.

3 (13) The United States is engaged in negotia-
4 tions with the Government of Iran and the Russian
5 Federation, the People's Republic of China, the
6 United Kingdom, France, and Germany regarding
7 Iran's nuclear program, but the Government of Iran
8 continues to systematically deny citizens of Iran
9 basic fundamental freedoms.

10 (14) Officials of the United States have stated
11 that the human rights record of Iran is "abysmal"
12 and the Department of State has reported that there
13 has been "little meaningful improvement in human
14 rights in Iran under the new government, including
15 torture, political imprisonment, harassment of reli-
16 gious and ethnic minorities".

17 (15) The Government of Iran is party to the
18 International Covenant on Economic, Social and
19 Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on
20 Civil and Political Rights and is in violation of its
21 obligations under those Covenants.

1 **SEC. 3. EXPANSION OF LIST OF PERSONS INVOLVED IN**
 2 **HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN IRAN.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 105 of the Comprehensive
 4 Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of
 5 2010 (22 U.S.C. 8514) is amended—

6 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**CER-**
 7 **TAIN PERSONS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR**
 8 **OR COMPLICIT**” and inserting “**PERSONS IN-**
 9 **INVOLVED**”;

10 (2) in subsection (b)—

11 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
 12 “WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OR COMPLICIT”
 13 and inserting “INVOLVED”;

14 (B) by striking paragraph (1) and insert-
 15 ing the following:

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days
 17 after the date of the enactment of the Iran Human
 18 Rights Accountability Act of 2014, the President
 19 shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-
 20 mittees a list of persons the President determines
 21 have committed or facilitated, directly or indirectly,
 22 human rights abuses or other acts of violence, in-
 23 timidation, or harassment, on behalf of the Govern-
 24 ment of Iran on or after June 12, 2009, regardless
 25 of whether such abuses or acts occurred in Iran.”;
 26 and

1 (C) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “this
 2 Act” and inserting “the Iran Human Rights
 3 Accountability Act of 2014”; and
 4 (3) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(e) INCLUSION OF ACTIONS THAT VIOLATE UNI-
 6 VERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.—For pur-
 7 poses of subsection (b)(1), the term ‘human rights abuses’
 8 includes actions that violate the rights listed in the United
 9 Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted
 10 at Paris December 10, 1948.”.

11 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
 12 for the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and
 13 Divestment Act of 2010 is amended by striking the item
 14 relating to section 105 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 105. Imposition of sanctions on persons involved in human rights abuses
 committed against citizens of Iran or their family members
 after the June 12, 2009, elections in Iran.”.

15 **SEC. 4. IDENTIFICATION OF, AND IMPOSITION OF SANC-**
 16 **TIONS WITH RESPECT TO, CERTAIN IRANIAN**
 17 **INDIVIDUALS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 221 of the Iran Threat
 19 Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 (22
 20 U.S.C. 8727) is amended to read as follows:

1 **“SEC. 221. IDENTIFICATION OF, AND IMPOSITION OF SANC-**
 2 **TIONS WITH RESPECT TO, CERTAIN IRANIAN**
 3 **INDIVIDUALS.**

4 “(a) IDENTIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALS.—Not later
 5 than 90 days after the date of the enactment of the Iran
 6 Human Rights Accountability Act of 2014, and every 180
 7 days thereafter, the President shall submit to the appro-
 8 priate congressional committees a list of all individuals the
 9 President determines are described in subsection (b).

10 “(b) INDIVIDUALS DESCRIBED.—An individual de-
 11 scribed in this subsection is—

12 “(1) the Supreme Leader of Iran;

13 “(2) the President of Iran;

14 “(3) a current or former key official, manager,
 15 or director of an entity that may be owned or con-
 16 trolled by—

17 “(A) the Supreme Leader of Iran;

18 “(B) the Office of the Supreme Leader of
 19 Iran;

20 “(C) the President of Iran;

21 “(D) the Office of the President of Iran;

22 “(E) Iran’s Revolutionary Guard Corps;

23 “(F) the Basij-e Motaz’afin;

24 “(G) the Guardian Council;

25 “(H) the Ministry of Intelligence and Se-
 26 curity of Iran;

1 “(I) the Atomic Energy Organization of
2 Iran;

3 “(J) the Islamic Consultative Assembly of
4 Iran;

5 “(K) the Assembly of Experts of Iran;

6 “(L) the Ministry of Defense and Armed
7 Forces Logistics of Iran;

8 “(M) the Ministry of Justice of Iran;

9 “(N) the Ministry of Interior of Iran;

10 “(O) the prison system of Iran;

11 “(P) the judicial system of Iran, including
12 the Islamic Revolutionary Courts; or

13 “(Q) any citizen of Iran included on the
14 list of specially designated nationals and
15 blocked persons maintained by the Office of
16 Foreign Assets Control of the Department of
17 the Treasury;

18 “(4) or senior adviser to an official or entity
19 specified in any of subparagraphs (A) through (Q)
20 of paragraph (3);

21 “(5) a citizen of Iran indicted in a foreign coun-
22 try for, or otherwise suspected of, participation in a
23 terrorist attack; or

1 “(6) a family member of an individual described
2 in any of paragraphs (1) through (4) who is not a
3 United States person.

4 “(c) EXCLUSION FROM UNITED STATES.—Except as
5 provided in subsection (f), the Secretary of State shall
6 deny a visa to, and the Secretary of Homeland Security
7 shall exclude from the United States, any alien who is on
8 the list required by subsection (a).

9 “(d) BLOCKING OF PROPERTY.—Except as provided
10 in subsection (f), the President shall block and prohibit
11 all transactions in all property and interests in property
12 of any individual who is on the list required by subsection
13 (a) if such property and interests in property are in the
14 United States, come within the United States, or are or
15 come within the possession or control of a United States
16 person.

17 “(e) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date
18 of the enactment of the Iran Human Rights Account-
19 ability Act of 2014, and every 90 days thereafter, the
20 President shall submit to the appropriate congressional
21 committees a report that describes the efforts the Presi-
22 dent has taken during the 90 days preceding the submis-
23 sion of the report to locate and block all property and in-
24 terests in property of any individual who is on the list re-
25 quired by subsection (a).

1 “(f) EXCEPTIONS.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The President may not in-
3 clude an individual on the list required by subsection
4 (a) if the President determines that, during the 10-
5 year period preceding the determination, the indi-
6 vidual has not in any way engaged in, facilitated, or
7 otherwise supported—

8 “(A) human rights abuses;

9 “(B) acts of international terrorism; or

10 “(C) the proliferation of weapons of mass
11 destruction.

12 “(2) COMPLIANCE WITH UNITED NATIONS
13 HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT.—Subsection (c) shall
14 not apply to the head of state of Iran, or necessary
15 staff of that head of state, if admission to the
16 United States is necessary to permit the United
17 States to comply with the Agreement regarding the
18 Headquarters of the United Nations, signed at Lake
19 Success June 26, 1947, and entered into force No-
20 vember 21, 1947, between the United Nations and
21 the United States.

22 “(g) WAIVER.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The President may waive
24 the application of subsection (a), (c), or (d) with re-
25 spect to an individual for a period of 180 days, and

1 may renew that waiver for additional periods of 180
2 days, if the President—

3 “(A) determines that the waiver is vital to
4 the national security of the United States; and

5 “(B) not less than 7 days before the waiv-
6 er or the renewal of the waiver, as the case may
7 be, takes effect, submits a report to the appro-
8 priate congressional committees on the waiver
9 and the reason for the waiver.

10 “(2) FORM OF REPORT.—Each report sub-
11 mitted under paragraph (1)(B) shall be submitted in
12 unclassified form, but may include a classified
13 annex.”.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
15 for the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights
16 Act of 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8701 et seq.) is amended by strik-
17 ing the item relating to section 221 and inserting the fol-
18 lowing:

 “Sec. 221. Identification of, and imposition of sanctions with respect to, certain
 Iranian individuals.”.

19 **SEC. 5. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO PER-**
20 **SONS WHO CONDUCT TRANSACTIONS WITH**
21 **OR ON BEHALF OF CERTAIN IRANIAN INDI-**
22 **VIDUALS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle B of title II of the Iran
24 Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012

1 (22 U.S.C. 8721 et seq.) is amended by inserting after
2 section 221 the following:

3 **“SEC. 221A. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO**
4 **PERSONS WHO CONDUCT TRANSACTIONS**
5 **WITH OR ON BEHALF OF CERTAIN IRANIAN**
6 **INDIVIDUALS.**

7 “(a) SALE, SUPPLY, OR TRANSFER OF GOODS AND
8 SERVICES.—The President shall impose 5 or more of the
9 sanctions described in section 6(a) of the Iran Sanctions
10 Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–172; 50 U.S.C. 1701 note)
11 with respect to a person if the President determines that
12 the person knowingly, on or after the date that is 120
13 days after the date of the enactment of the Iran Human
14 Rights Accountability Act of 2014, sells, supplies, or
15 transfers goods or services to an individual who is on the
16 list required by section 221(a).

17 “(b) FACILITATION OF CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS.—
18 The President shall prohibit the opening, and prohibit or
19 impose strict conditions on the maintaining, in the United
20 States of a correspondent account or a payable-through
21 account by any foreign financial institution that the Presi-
22 dent determines has knowingly conducted or facilitated a
23 significant financial transaction on behalf of an individual
24 who is on the list required by section 221(a).

25 “(c) WAIVER.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The President may waive
2 the application of subsection (a) or (b) with respect
3 to a person for a period of 180 days, and may renew
4 that waiver for additional periods of 180 days, if the
5 President—

6 “(A) determines that the waiver is vital to
7 the national security of the United States; and

8 “(B) not less than 7 days before the waiv-
9 er or the renewal of the waiver, as the case may
10 be, takes effect, submits a report to the appro-
11 priate congressional committees on the waiver
12 and the reason for the waiver.

13 “(2) FORM OF REPORT.—Each report sub-
14 mitted under paragraph (1)(B) shall be submitted in
15 unclassified form, but may include a classified
16 annex.

17 “(d) APPLICATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE
18 IRAN SANCTIONS ACT OF 1996.—The following provisions
19 of the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–172;
20 50 U.S.C. 1701 note) shall apply with respect to the im-
21 position of sanctions under subsection (a) to the same extent
22 that such provisions apply with respect to the imposition
23 of sanctions under section 5(a) of the Iran Sanctions Act
24 of 1996:

25 “(1) Subsections (c), (d), and (f) of section 5.

1 “(2) Section 8.

2 “(3) Section 11.

3 “(4) Section 12.

4 “(5) Section 13(b).

5 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

6 “(1) ACCOUNT; CORRESPONDENT ACCOUNT;
7 PAYABLE-THROUGH ACCOUNT.—The terms ‘ac-
8 count’, ‘correspondent account’, and ‘payable-
9 through account’ have the meanings given those
10 terms in section 5318A of title 31, United States
11 Code.

12 “(2) FOREIGN FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.—The
13 term ‘foreign financial institution’ has the meaning
14 given that term in section 561.308 of title 31, Code
15 of Federal Regulations (or any corresponding similar
16 regulation or ruling).”.

17 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
18 for the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights
19 Act of 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8701 et seq.) is amended by in-
20 serting after the item relating to section 221 the following:

“Sec. 221A. Imposition of sanctions with respect to persons who conduct trans-
actions with or on behalf of certain Iranian individuals.”.

21 **SEC. 6. UNITED STATES SUPPORT FOR THE PEOPLE OF**
22 **IRAN.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle B of title IV of the Iran
24 Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012

1 (22 U.S.C. 8751 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
2 the following:

3 **“SEC. 416. UNITED STATES SUPPORT FOR THE PEOPLE OF**
4 **IRAN.**

5 “(a) POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES.—It is the pol-
6 icy of the United States—

7 “(1) to support the efforts of the people of Iran
8 to promote the establishment of basic freedoms in
9 Iran;

10 “(2) to lay the foundation for the emergence of
11 a freely elected, open, and democratic political sys-
12 tem in Iran that is not a threat to its neighbors or
13 to the United States and to work with all citizens of
14 Iran who seek to establish such a political system;

15 “(3) to support the emergence of a government
16 in Iran that does not oppress the people of Iran and
17 does not persecute, intimidate, arrest, imprison, or
18 execute dissidents or minorities;

19 “(4) to advocate on behalf of those in Iran per-
20 secuted for their religion or belief;

21 “(5) to assist the people of Iran to produce, ac-
22 cess, and share information freely and safely
23 through the Internet and other media; and

1 “(6) to defeat all attempts by the Government
2 of Iran to jam or otherwise obstruct international
3 satellite broadcast signals.

4 “(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
5 gress that—

6 “(1) the United States should support citizens
7 of Iran that actively work to advance political, eco-
8 nomic, and social reforms, including freedom of the
9 press, freedom of assembly, freedom of religion, and
10 representative government;

11 “(2) the President should use all available non-
12 violent means to support citizens of Iran that advo-
13 cate for pluralistic, prosperous, and participatory so-
14 cieties;

15 “(3) programs of the Department of State to
16 support reform in Iran have not resulted in a more
17 democratic Iran;

18 “(4) the Government of Iran continues to play
19 a pernicious role in the Middle East, undermining
20 democratic consolidation in Iraq, supporting inter-
21 national terrorism through Hezbollah, and aiding
22 the autocratic regime of Bashar al-Assad in Syria;

23 “(5) the Secretary of State should make every
24 effort to deliver support directly to people working
25 in Iran to implement programs carried out using as-

1 sistance provided by the Department of State when
2 possible and all possible means of delivering such as-
3 sistance should be used; and

4 “(6) oversight, management, and implementa-
5 tion of programs of the Department of State to sup-
6 port reform in Iran should be under the direction of
7 the Special Coordinator on Human Rights and De-
8 mocracy in Iran established under section 7 of the
9 Iran Human Rights Accountability Act of 2014, in
10 consultation with the Assistant Secretary of State
11 for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor.

12 “(c) ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT REFORM IN IRAN.—

13 “(1) ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED.—Notwith-
14 standing any other provision of law, the Secretary of
15 State may provide assistance (including through the
16 award of grants) to individuals and entities working
17 in Iran for the purpose of supporting and promoting
18 the rule of law, good governance, civil society, and
19 economic opportunity in Iran.

20 “(2) ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE.—Assist-
21 ance authorized under this subsection should be pro-
22 vided only to an individual or entity that—

23 “(A) officially opposes the use of violence
24 and terrorism and has not been designated as
25 a foreign terrorist organization under section

1 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8
2 U.S.C. 1189) at any time during the 4-year pe-
3 riod ending on the date of the enactment of the
4 Iran Human Rights Accountability Act of 2014;

5 “(B) advocates the adherence by Iran to
6 nonproliferation regimes for nuclear, chemical,
7 and biological weapons and materiel;

8 “(C) is dedicated to democratic values and
9 supports the adoption of a democratic form of
10 government in Iran;

11 “(D) is dedicated to respect for human
12 rights, including the fundamental equality of
13 women; and

14 “(E) supports freedom of the press, free-
15 dom of speech, freedom of association, and free-
16 dom of religion.

17 “(3) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—Not later
18 than 15 days before each obligation of assistance
19 under this subsection, the Secretary of State shall
20 notify the Committee on Foreign Relations and the
21 Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the
22 Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on
23 Appropriations of the House of Representatives in
24 accordance with the procedures applicable to re-
25 programming notifications under section 634A of

1 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
2 2394–1).

3 “(4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of
4 the amounts made available to carry out chapter 4
5 of part II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22
6 U.S.C. 2346 et seq.; relating to the Economic Sup-
7 port Fund) for fiscal year 2015, not less than
8 \$32,000,000 shall be made available to the Sec-
9 retary of State to carry out this subsection.

10 “(5) TERMINATION.—The authority to provide
11 assistance under this subsection shall expire on De-
12 cember 31, 2018.

13 “(d) REPORTS.—Not later than 60 days after the
14 date of the enactment of the Iran Human Rights Account-
15 ability Act of 2014, and every 180 days thereafter, the
16 Secretary of State shall submit to the appropriate congres-
17 sional committees a report on the implementation of this
18 section that includes the following:

19 “(1) An identification of the actions the Presi-
20 dent has taken during the 180-day period preceding
21 the submission of the report to advance each of the
22 policies described in subsection (a).

23 “(2) A clear strategy for advancing political,
24 economic, and social reform in Iran that includes

1 benchmarks for success that lead to a set of identi-
 2 fied discrete goals and objectives.

3 “(3) A plan to monitor and evaluate the effec-
 4 tiveness of the provision of assistance authorized
 5 under subsection (c), including measures of effective-
 6 ness.

7 “(4) The status of the programming of assist-
 8 ance under subsection (c).

9 “(5) An analysis of any past programming of
 10 assistance under subsection (c) and its effectiveness
 11 with respect to supporting and promoting the rule of
 12 law, good governance, civil society, and economic op-
 13 portunity in Iran.”.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
 15 for the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights
 16 Act of 2012 is amended by inserting after the item relat-
 17 ing to section 415 the following:

“Sec. 416. United States support for the people of Iran.”.

18 **SEC. 7. UNITED STATES SPECIAL COORDINATOR ON**
 19 **HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY IN IRAN.**

20 (a) DESIGNATION.—The President shall designate
 21 within the Department of State a Special Coordinator on
 22 Human Rights and Democracy in Iran (in this section re-
 23 ferred to as the “Special Coordinator”).

24 (b) CONSULTATION AND QUALIFICATIONS.—The
 25 Secretary shall consult with the chairmen and ranking

1 members of the appropriate congressional committees be-
2 fore the designation of the Special Coordinator. The role
3 of Special Coordinator should be filled by an official of
4 the Department of State appointed by and serving at the
5 pleasure of the President in a position not lower than
6 Under Secretary on the day before the date of the enact-
7 ment of this Act.

8 (c) DUTIES.—The Special Coordinator shall carry out
9 the following duties:

10 (1) Coordinate the activities of the United
11 States Government that promote human rights, de-
12 mocracy, political freedom, and religious freedom in-
13 side Iran.

14 (2) Coordinate the activities of the United
15 States Government that promote human rights, po-
16 litical freedom, and religious freedom for Iranian
17 refugees and asylees living outside Iran.

18 (3) Ensure the comprehensive investigation and
19 designation of Iranian human rights abusers in ac-
20 cordance with section 105 of the Comprehensive
21 Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act
22 of 2010 (22 U.S.C. 8514).

23 (4) Coordinate the documentation and publi-
24 cizing of political dissidents and cases of human
25 rights abuse inside Iran.

1 (5) Coordinate multilateral efforts to build
2 international support for the promotion of human
3 rights, democracy, political freedom, and religious
4 freedom in Iran, including broadcasting, Internet ac-
5 cess, and dissemination of information.

6 (6) Encourage the United Nations, multilateral
7 organizations, and human rights nongovernmental
8 organizations to more robustly investigate and re-
9 port on human rights abuses in Iran.

10 (7) Encourage foreign governments to down-
11 grade or sever diplomatic relations with the Govern-
12 ment of Iran, enact economic sanctions, and assist
13 Iranian dissidents in response to the continued viola-
14 tions of human rights by the Government of Iran.

15 (8) Encourage foreign governments to expel
16 Iran from international fora and organizations with
17 a human rights component, including the United
18 Nations Commission on the Status of Women, the
19 United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural
20 Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund,
21 and the International Labour Organization.

22 (9) Coordinate all programs funded under the
23 Iran Freedom Support Act (Public Law 109–293;
24 22 U.S.C. 2151 note).

25 (d) AUTHORITY.—

1 (1) COORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES.—The Spe-
2 cial Coordinator shall coordinate all activities related
3 to Iran carried out by the Bureau of Near Eastern
4 Affairs, the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights
5 and Labor, and the Bureau of Population, Refugees
6 and Migration of the Department of State, the Am-
7 bassador-at-Large for International Religious Free-
8 dom, the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat
9 Anti-Semitism, the United States Commission on
10 International Religious Freedom, the National En-
11 dowment for Democracy, and the Broadcasting
12 Board of Governors.

13 (2) COORDINATION OF USE OF FUNDS.—The
14 Special Coordinator shall coordinate and oversee the
15 obligation and expenditure of funds related to
16 human rights, democracy, Internet freedom, and
17 broadcasting activities in Iran, including funds made
18 available for such purposes to the Middle East Part-
19 nership Initiative, the United States Commission on
20 International Religious Freedom, the Broader Mid-
21 dle East and North Africa Initiative, the Human
22 Rights and Democracy Fund, and the Near Eastern
23 Regional Democracy Fund.

24 (e) DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION.—Subject to the
25 direction of the President and the Secretary of State, the

1 Special Coordinator shall represent the United States in
2 matters and cases relevant to the promotion of human
3 rights, democracy, political freedom, and religious freedom
4 in Iran in—

5 (1) contacts with foreign governments, intergov-
6 ernmental organizations, and specialized agencies of
7 the United Nations, the Organization for Security
8 and Co-operation in Europe, and other international
9 organizations of which the United States is a mem-
10 ber; and

11 (2) multilateral conferences and meetings rel-
12 evant to the promotion of human rights, democracy,
13 political freedom, and religious freedom in Iran.

14 (f) CONSULTATIONS.—The Special Coordinator shall
15 consult with Congress, domestic and international non-
16 governmental organizations, labor organizations, and mul-
17 tilateral organizations and institutions as the Special Co-
18 ordinator considers appropriate to fulfill the purposes of
19 this section.

20 (g) FUNDING.—From amounts made available for
21 the Department of State for Near East Affairs in fiscal
22 years before fiscal year 2015, the Secretary of State shall
23 provide to the Special Coordinator such sums as may be
24 necessary for fiscal year 2015 for the hiring of staff, for

1 the conduct of investigations, and for necessary travel to
 2 carry out this section.

3 (h) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
 4 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-
 5 gressional committees” means

6 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
 7 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

8 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
 9 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
 10 resentatives.

11 **SEC. 8. BROADCASTING TO IRAN.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty
 13 and the Voice of America services broadcasting to Iran
 14 shall—

15 (1) provide news and information that is acces-
 16 sible, credible, comprehensive, and accurate;

17 (2) emphasize investigative and analytical jour-
 18 nalism provided by Iranian or pro-Iranian media
 19 outlets; and

20 (3) strengthen civil society by promoting demo-
 21 cratic processes, respect for human rights, and free-
 22 dom of the press and expression.

23 (b) PROGRAMMING SURGE.—Radio Free Europe/
 24 Radio Liberty and Voice of America programming to Iran
 25 shall—

1 (1) provide programming content 24 hours a
2 day and 7 days a week to target populations using
3 all available and effective distribution outlets, includ-
4 ing at least 12 hours a day of original television and
5 video content, not including live video streaming of
6 breaking news;

7 (2) create mobile platforms with an embedded
8 proxy to offer the people of Iran the opportunity to
9 securely listen to programming;

10 (3) increase number of staffers based in the re-
11 gion to allow for more direct contact with the people
12 of Iran;

13 (4) expand the use, audience, and audience en-
14 gagement of mobile news and multimedia platforms
15 by the Voice of America and the Radio Farda serv-
16 ice of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, including
17 through Internet-based social networking platforms;
18 and

19 (5) establish fellowships for Iranian journalists
20 who have fled the country to learn about free, com-
21 petitive media and be trained in surrogate reporting.

22 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
23 are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2015, in
24 addition to funds otherwise made available for such pur-
25 poses, \$10,000,000 to carry out Iran-focused program-

1 ming by Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty and the Voice
 2 of America, for the purpose of bolstering existing United
 3 States programming to the people of Iran and increasing
 4 programming capacity and jamming circumvention tech-
 5 nology to overcome any disruptions to service.

6 **SEC. 9. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON ESTABLISHMENT OF MUL-**
 7 **TILATERAL MECHANISM TO PROMOTE**
 8 **HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAN.**

9 It is the sense of Congress that the United States
 10 should work with the European Union and other countries
 11 with a common commitment to fundamental rights and
 12 freedoms to explore the possibility of establishing a formal
 13 multilateral mechanism to advocate for the promotion of
 14 human rights, democracy, political freedom, and religious
 15 freedom in Iran.

16 **SEC. 10. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON ROLE OF THE UNITED**
 17 **NATIONS IN PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS IN**
 18 **IRAN.**

19 It is the sense of Congress that—

- 20 (1) the United Nations has a significant role to
 21 play in promoting and improving human rights in
 22 Iran;
- 23 (2) the United States should continue to sup-
 24 port the work of the United Nations Special

1 Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the
2 Islamic Republic of Iran; and

3 (3) the egregious human rights violations in
4 Iran warrant country-specific attention and contin-
5 ued reporting by the Special Rapporteur on the situ-
6 ation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of
7 Iran, the Special Rapporteur on torture and other
8 cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punish-
9 ment, the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention,
10 the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary,
11 or arbitrary executions, the Special Rapporteur on
12 the promotion and protection of the right to freedom
13 of opinion and expression, the Special Rapporteur on
14 freedom of religion or belief, and the Special
15 Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes,
16 and consequences, of the United Nations.

17 **SEC. 11. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION WITH RESPECT TO THE**
18 **USE OF FORCE.**

19 Nothing in this Act or the amendments made by this
20 Act shall be construed as a declaration of war or an au-
21 thorization of the use of force.

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