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To prohibit the use of United States Government funds to provide assistance to Al Qaeda, Jabhat Fateh al-Sham, and the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and to countries supporting those organizations, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. GABBARD (for herself, Mr. WELCH, Mr. MASSIE, Ms. LEE, Mr. JONES, Mr. GARRETT, and Mr. YOHO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, 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

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## 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 “Stop Arming Terror-  
5 ists Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO PROVIDE COV-**  
2 **ERED ASSISTANCE TO AL QAEDA, JABHAT**  
3 **FATEH AL-SHAM, AND ISIL, AND TO COUN-**  
4 **TRIES SUPPORTING THOSE ORGANIZATIONS.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION WITH RESPECT TO AL QAEDA,  
6 JABHAT FATEH AL-SHAM, AND ISIL.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other  
8 provision of law, no funds made available to any  
9 Federal department or agency may be used to pro-  
10 vide covered assistance to Al Qaeda, Jabhat Fateh  
11 al-Sham, and ISIL, and any individual or group that  
12 is affiliated with, associated with, cooperating with,  
13 or adherents to such groups.

14 (2) DUTIES OF DNI.—The Director of National  
15 Intelligence—

16 (A) shall make initial determinations with  
17 respect to whether or not an individual or group  
18 is, or has been within the most recent 12  
19 months prior to such determination, affiliated  
20 with, associated with, cooperating with, or is an  
21 adherent to Al Qaeda, Jabhat Fateh al-Sham,  
22 or ISIL, under paragraph (1) not later than 90  
23 days after the date of the enactment of this  
24 Act;

25 (B) shall, in consultation with the appro-  
26 priate congressional committees, review and

1           make subsequent determinations with respect to  
2           groups or individuals under paragraph (1) every  
3           6 months thereafter; and

4           (C) shall brief the appropriate congress-  
5           sional committees on each determination with  
6           respect to a group or individual under subpara-  
7           graph (A) and the justification for the deter-  
8           mination, including by providing—

9                   (i) the geographic location of such  
10                  group or individual;

11                  (ii) a detailed intelligence assessment  
12                  of such group or individual;

13                  (iii) a detailed description of the  
14                  alignment and interaction of such group or  
15                  individual with Al Qaeda, Jabhat Fateh al-  
16                  Sham, or ISIL; and

17                  (iv) a description of the ideological be-  
18                  liefs of such group or individual.

19           (b) PROHIBITION WITH RESPECT TO SUPPORTING  
20 COUNTRIES.—

21           (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other  
22           provision of law, no funds made available to any  
23           Federal department or agency may be used to pro-  
24           vide covered assistance directly or indirectly to the  
25           government of any country that the Director of Na-

1 tional Intelligence determines has within the most  
2 recent 12 months prior to such determination pro-  
3 vided covered assistance to Al Qaeda, Jabhat Fateh  
4 al-Sham, or the Islamic State of Iraq and the Le-  
5 vant (ISIL), or any individual or group that is affili-  
6 ated with, associated with, cooperating with, or is an  
7 adherent to those organizations, as determined  
8 under subsection (a)(2)(A).

9 (2) DUTIES OF DNI.—The Director of National  
10 Intelligence—

11 (A) shall make initial determinations with  
12 respect to countries under paragraph (1) not  
13 later than 90 days after the date of the enact-  
14 ment of this Act; and

15 (B) shall, in consultation with the appro-  
16 priate congressional committees, review and  
17 make subsequent determinations with respect to  
18 countries under paragraph (1) every 6 months  
19 thereafter; and

20 (C) shall brief the appropriate congres-  
21 sional committees on each determination with  
22 respect to a country under paragraph (1) and  
23 the justification for the determination that Al  
24 Qaeda, Jabhat Fateh al-Sham, or the Islamic  
25 State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), or any in-

1           dividual or group that is affiliated with, associ-  
2           ated with, cooperating with, or is an adherent  
3           to those organizations, is determined to be re-  
4           ceiving covered assistance from the government  
5           of the country—

6                   (i) the geographic location of such or-  
7                   ganization, group, or individual;

8                   (ii) a detailed intelligence assessment  
9                   of such organization, group, or individual;  
10                  and

11                  (iii) a detailed description of the cov-  
12                  ered assistance, the method of transfer of  
13                  the covered assistance, and use of covered  
14                  assistance.

15           (c) **ADDITIONAL BRIEFING REQUIREMENTS.**—The  
16   Director of National Intelligence shall—

17                  (1) in addition to carrying out subsection  
18                  (a)(2)(C), brief the appropriate congressional com-  
19                  mittees on—

20                    (A) any other individual or group that the  
21                    Director considered in carrying out such sub-  
22                    section but did not make a determination that  
23                    the group or individual is affiliated with, associ-  
24                    ated with, cooperating with, or is an adherent

1 to Al Qaeda, Jabhat Fateh al-Sham, or ISIL;  
2 and

3 (B) the justification for not making the de-  
4 termination; and

5 (2) in addition to carrying out subsection  
6 (b)(2)(C), brief the appropriate congressional com-  
7 mittees on—

8 (A) any other country that the Director  
9 considered in carrying out such subsection but  
10 did not make a determination that the country  
11 provided covered assistance to Al Qaeda,  
12 Jabhat Fateh al-Sham, or the Islamic State of  
13 Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), or any individual  
14 or group that is affiliated with, associated with,  
15 cooperating with, or adherents to those organi-  
16 zations; and

17 (B) the justification for not making the de-  
18 termination.

19 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
21 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
22 mittees” means—

23 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the  
24 Committee on Armed Services, and the Perma-

1           nent Select Committee on Intelligence of the  
2           House of Representatives; and

3                   (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations,  
4           the Committee on Armed Services, and the Se-  
5           lect Committee on Intelligence of the Senate.

6           (2) COVERED ASSISTANCE.—The term “covered  
7           assistance” means—

8                   (A) defense articles, defense services, train-  
9           ing or logistical support, or any other military  
10          assistance provided by grant, loan, credit,  
11          transfer, or cash sales;

12                   (B) intelligence sharing; or

13                   (C) cash assistance.

14           (3) DEFENSE ARTICLES AND DEFENSE SERV-  
15          ICES.—The terms “defense articles” and “defense  
16          services” have the meanings given such terms in sec-  
17          tions 47(3) and 47(4) of the Arms Export Control  
18          Act (22 U.S.C. 2794 note), respectively.

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