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To prohibit aid that will benefit Hamas, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. RICKETTS (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

To prohibit aid that will benefit Hamas, 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 “Stop Support for
5 Hamas Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNRWA.**

7 The United States may not make any voluntary or
8 involuntary contributions to the United Nations Relief and
9 Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
10 (referred to in this Act as “UNRWA”), to any successor

1 or related entity, or to the regular budget of the United
2 Nations for the support of UNRWA or a successor entity.

3 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON USE OF ECONOMIC SUPPORT**
4 **FUNDS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the amounts appro-
6 priated under the heading ECONOMIC SUPPORT FUND in
7 any Act making appropriations for the Department of
8 State, foreign operations, and related programs may be
9 obligated or expended to provide assistance to the West
10 Bank and Gaza until the Secretary of State certifies to
11 Congress that on or after October 7, 2023, the Israeli De-
12 fense Force has verifiably dismantled the terrorist infra-
13 structure of Hamas, and other terrorist groups located in
14 Gaza.

15 (b) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW OF CERTIFI-
16 CATION.—Not later than 90 days after the Secretary of
17 State makes a certification under subsection (a), the
18 Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to
19 Congress an assessment of whether the Israeli Defense
20 Force has verifiably dismantled the terrorist infrastruc-
21 ture of Hamas, and other terrorist groups located in Gaza.

22 (c) REPORT ON CONSULTATIONS.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
24 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
25 of State shall submit to the appropriate congres-

1 sional committees a report on relevant consultations
2 with United States partners in the region, including
3 Israel, Egypt, and Jordan.

4 (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
5 TEES DEFINED.— In this subsection, the term “ap-
6 propriate congressional committees” means—

7 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations
8 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
9 Senate; and

10 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
11 the Committee on Appropriations of the House
12 of Representatives.

13 **SEC. 4. MODIFICATIONS TO LIMITATION ON ASSISTANCE**
14 **TO THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY.**

15 Section 620K of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961
16 (22 U.S.C. 2378b) is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “ Hamas-con-
18 trolled” and inserting “ Hamas-inclusive”;

19 (2) in subsection (b)—

20 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “is effec-
21 tively” and all that follows through “Palestinian
22 Authority” and inserting “employs Hamas
23 members, or agents or affiliates of Hamas, un-
24 less Hamas”; and

25 (B) in paragraph (2)—

1 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
2 graph (A), by striking “ ~~Hamas-controlled~~”
3 and inserting “ ~~Hamas-inclusive~~”;

4 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking
5 “ ~~security services~~” and inserting “ ~~agencies~~
6 and security services”; and

7 (iii) in subparagraph (B), by inserting
8 “ ~~verifiably~~” before “ ~~dismantling~~”;

9 (3) in subsection (c) in the matter preceding
10 paragraph (1), by inserting “ ~~for a period of not~~
11 ~~more than 2 years~~” after “ ~~thereafter~~”;

12 (4) by striking subsection (e);

13 (5) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
14 section (e); and

15 (6) by amending subsection (e)(2), as so reded-
16 icated, to read as follows:

17 “(2) FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION.—

18 The term ‘foreign terrorist organization’ means—

19 “(A) an organization designated as a for-
20 eign terrorist organization by the Secretary of
21 State in accordance with section 219(a) of the
22 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
23 1189(a)); or

24 “(B) an entity designated pursuant to Ex-
25 ecutive Order No. 13224 (50 U.S.C. 1701 note;

1 relating to blocking property and prohibiting
2 transactions with persons who commit, threaten
3 to commit, or support terrorism).”.

4 **SEC. 5. MODIFICATIONS TO LIMITATION ON ASSISTANCE**
5 **FOR THE WEST BANK AND GAZA.**

6 (a) MODIFICATIONS TO THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE
7 ACT OF 1961.—Section 620L of the Foreign Assistance
8 Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2378c) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (b)—

10 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “pro-
11 vided that such assistance does not benefit
12 Hamas or any other foreign terrorist organiza-
13 tion” after “human needs”;

14 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “or in-
15 directly” after “directly”;

16 (C) by striking paragraph (3);

17 (D) by redesignating paragraph (4) as
18 paragraph (3); and

19 (E) in paragraph (3)(B), as so redesign-
20 nated—

21 (i) in clause (i), by striking “; and”
22 and inserting a semicolon;

23 (ii) in clause (ii), by striking the pe-
24 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

1 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(iii) submits a confirmation to the
4 appropriate congressional committees that
5 such assistance does not directly or indi-
6 rectly benefit Hamas or any other foreign
7 terrorist organization.”; and

8 (2) by amending subsection (e)(2) to read as
9 follows:

10 “(2) FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION DE-
11 FINED.—The term ‘foreign terrorist organization’
12 means—

13 “(A) an organization designated as a for-
14 eign terrorist organization by the Secretary of
15 State in accordance with section 219(a) of the
16 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
17 1189(a)); or

18 “(B) an entity designated pursuant to Ex-
19 ecutive Order No. 13224 (50 U.S.C. 1701 note;
20 relating to blocking property and prohibiting
21 transactions with persons who commit, threaten
22 to commit, or support terrorism).”.

23 (b) MODIFICATIONS TO THE TAYLOR FORCE ACT.—
24 Section 1004 of the Taylor Force Act (22 U.S.C. 2378c-
25 1) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(1), in the matter pre-
2 ceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “or indi-
3 rectly” after “directly”; and

4 (2) in subsection (f)(1)—

5 (A) by inserting “or indirectly” after “di-
6 rectly”; and

7 (B) by inserting “or its agents or affili-
8 ates” after “the Palestinian Authority”.