



Bipartisan Solidify Iran Sanctions Act

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The Need:

- For over four decades, the Iranian regime has consistently worked to destabilize the Middle East and to threaten American citizens and allies across the globe.
 - Iran has proven a deceitful, irresponsible actor, bent on the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction in violation of multiple international agreements.
 - Most notably, Iran's nuclear weapons and missiles programs threaten to spark a regional nuclear arms race and pose grave danger to Iran's neighbors—including Israel, which the regime has repeatedly promised to destroy.
 - While delaying nuclear negotiations with unreasonable demands, the regime has rapidly advanced its nuclear program, reducing to just weeks its "breakout period" for producing enough weapons-grade uranium for one nuclear weapon.
 - The leading state sponsor of terrorism, Iran also provides arms, training, and financial backing for Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTO) and other bad actors, including the Houthis, Hezbollah, Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, various Iraqi militias, the Taliban, and Syria's President Bashar al-Assad.
 - Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), itself a designated FTO, oversees this aid delivery, fueling violence and civilian suffering across the region.
 - Iran has also launched direct military attacks on Saudi Arabia, U.S. military bases, and commercial ships in the Persian Gulf, sowing discord and disrupting trade.
 - Iran's cyberattack and cyberespionage operations have escalated as well, targeting the United States and our allies, as seen in Iranian hackers' recent intrusions into critical Albanian computer networks and hacks on various U.S. utilities and companies.
 - Domestically, the Iranian regime has overseen untold human rights violations during a prolonged bloody crackdown, killing hundreds of civilians since the death of Mahsa Amini—a young woman arrested and mistreated in custody for a dress code violation.
- Iran shows no intention of tempering its repression at home and aggression abroad. In fact, the regime has only increased its malign actions, broadening cooperation with President Putin as he continues his war on Ukraine.
 - The United States and our allies must stand ready with every tool in our toolkit to counter the regime's threats to American citizens, innocent civilians across the region, and essential allies like Israel.

What This Bill Does:

- The *Solidify Iran Sanctions Act* ensures that the United States is prepared to stand up to Iran's harmful activities with a full range of economic sanctions, extending the Iran Sanctions Act (ISA) indefinitely, beyond its expiration in 2026.
 - The ISA has been extended repeatedly on a bipartisan basis since its first passage in 1996, as a cornerstone of the U.S. sanctions program against Iran's malign behavior.

- Maintaining the ability to respond to Iranian escalation economically is critical for the United States and our allies, as we continue to work to halt Iran's weapons development and terrorist sponsorship, and to bring about good-faith negotiations.
- The *Solidify Iran Sanctions Act* would remove the sunset clause for this critical sanctions authority, while allowing the President to waive sanctions on a case-by-case basis.
- Congress originally passed the Iran Sanctions Act in 1996, allowing the president to impose secondary sanctions on Iran's energy sector, with other Iranian industries added over the years.
 - ISA consists of "triggers" that place sanctions on firms or entities that violate U.S. sanctions under this law.
 - The law has served as a crucial bulwark for the United States and its allies in deterring and responding to Iranian aggression with severe economic consequences.
- Particularly with Iran's progress towards developing a nuclear weapon, it is essential that the United States solidifies its ability to levy sanctions and apply pressure on this rogue regime.

Supporting Organizations:

- American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC)
- Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD) Action

Further Support for this Essential Legislation:

- **House Original Cosponsors (23):** Reps. McCaul, Waltz, Fallon, Trone, Wittman, Meng, Salazar, Cline, Gimenez, Norcross, Rutherford, Kean, Lesko, Craig, Langworthy, Gottheimer, Lawler, Ciscomani, Wild, Zinke, Crawford, Schneider, and Joyce
- **Senate Companion:** Senators Tim Scott (R-SC), Jacky Rosen (D-NV), and Maggie Hassan (D-NH) co-lead this legislation in the Senate.

To review this legislation, see the [Congress.gov](#) page for [H.R. 3033](#).

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