

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. _____

To designate Ansarallah as a foreign terrorist organization and impose certain sanctions on Ansarallah, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. DAINES introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Standing Against
5 Houthi Aggression Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) It was reported by Reuters on March 21,
9 2017, that Iran, a designated state sponsor of ter-
10 ror, sent advanced weapons and military advisers to

1 assist and support Yemen’s Ansarallah, commonly
2 referred to as the “Houthis”.

3 (2) On January 19, 2021, the Trump Adminis-
4 tration designated Ansarallah as a foreign terrorist
5 organization and a specially designated global ter-
6 rorist.

7 (3) On February 16, 2021, Secretary of State
8 Blinken revoked the designation of Ansarallah as a
9 foreign terrorist organization pursuant to section
10 219(a)(6)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality
11 Act (8 U.S.C. 1189(a)(6)(A)).

12 (4) On March 7, 2021, an Ansarallah drone
13 strike had been intercepted by Saudi Arabia, which
14 targeted an oil storage yard at Ras Tanura.

15 (5) On March 19, 2021, another Ansarallah
16 drone strike hit a Riyadh oil refinery, which caused
17 a fire that was brought under control.

18 (6) After the March 19, 2021, attack,
19 Ansarallah proclaimed that they launched six drones
20 at a Saudi Aramco facility, and vowed to continue
21 operations against Saudi Arabia as long as “its ag-
22 gression against Yemen would continue”.

23 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION AS FTO; IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.**

24 (a) DESIGNATION AS FTO.—Not later than 90 days
25 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary

1 of State shall designate Ansarallah as a foreign terrorist
2 organization pursuant to section 219(a) of the Immigra-
3 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189(a)).

4 (b) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
6 the date of the enactment of this Act, the President
7 shall impose the sanctions described in paragraph
8 (2) with respect to—

9 (A) Ansarallah; and

10 (B) any foreign person that is a member,
11 agent, or affiliate of, or owned or controlled by,
12 Ansarallah.

13 (2) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions de-
14 scribed in this paragraph are—

15 (A) sanctions applicable with respect to a
16 foreign person pursuant to Executive Order
17 13224 (50 U.S.C. 1701 note; relating to block-
18 ing property and prohibiting transactions with
19 persons who commit, threaten to commit, or
20 support terrorism); and

21 (B) sanctions described in Executive Order
22 13780 (8 U.S.C. 1182 note; relating to pro-
23 tecting the Nation from foreign terrorist entry
24 into the United States), as in effect on January
25 19, 2021, with respect to nationals of Yemen.