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To provide for the imposition of sanctions with respect to settlements in
the West Bank and Gaza, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M____. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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settlements in the West Bank and Gaza, 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 “Stop the Settlements Act” or the “STS Act”.

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. Sanctions on activities in support of Israeli settlements or outposts in the West Bank or Gaza.

Sec. 3. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network guidance concerning activities related to Israeli settlements or outposts in the West Bank or Gaza.

Sec. 4. Prohibition on trade in Israeli goods from Israeli settlements or outposts in the West Bank or Gaza.

Sec. 5. Sunset.

1 SEC. 2. SANCTIONS ON ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF ISRAELI
2 SETTLEMENTS OR OUTPOSTS IN THE WEST
3 BANK OR GAZA.

4 (a) MANDATORY SANCTIONS.—The President shall
5 impose the sanctions described in subsection (c) with re-
6 spect to any foreign person that the President deter-
7 mines—

8 (1) to have been responsible for or complicit in,
9 or to have directly or indirectly engaged or at-
10 tempted to engage in—

11 (A) the construction of any Israeli settle-
12 ments or outposts in the West Bank or Gaza on
13 or after September 30, 2026;

14 (B) the investment in or construction of
15 infrastructure in the West Bank or Gaza de-
16 signed to facilitate the establishment of new
17 Israeli settlements or outposts or expansion of
18 existing Israeli settlements or outposts; or

19 (C) construction or development of settle-
20 ments in the settlement area known as “E1”,

1 within the Maale Adumim settlement municipal
2 zone;

3 (2) to have facilitated the transfer of Israeli ci-
4 vilian population into Israeli settlements or outposts
5 on or after September 30, 2026; or

6 (3) to have been a leader or official of—

7 (A) any entity, including any government
8 entity, that has engaged in, or whose members
9 have engaged in, any of the activities described
10 in paragraphs (1) and (2); or

11 (B) any entity whose property and inter-
12 ests in property are blocked under this Act.

13 (b) DISCRETIONARY SANCTIONS.—The President
14 may impose the sanctions described in subsection (c) with
15 respect to any foreign person the Secretary of the Treas-
16 ury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, deter-
17 mines—

18 (1) to have participated in activities related to
19 the financing, planning, construction, expansion, or
20 maintenance of Israeli settlements or outposts that
21 the President determines undermines the viability of
22 a future Palestinian state;

23 (2) to have materially assisted, sponsored, or
24 provided financial, material, or technological support
25 for, or goods or services to or in support of, any per-

1 son with respect to which sanctions have been im-
2 posed under this Act; or

3 (3) to be owned or controlled by, or to have
4 acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly
5 or indirectly, any person with respect to which sanc-
6 tions have been imposed under this Act.

7 (c) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions de-
8 scribed in this subsection are the following:

9 (1) ASSET BLOCKING.—Notwithstanding the re-
10 quirements of section 202 of the International
11 Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701),
12 the President may exercise all powers granted to the
13 President by that Act to the extent necessary to
14 block and prohibit all transactions in all property
15 and interests in property of the foreign person if
16 such property and interests in property are in the
17 United States, come within the United States, or are
18 or come within the possession or control of a United
19 States person.

20 (2) VISAS, ADMISSION, OR PAROLE.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—A foreign national who
22 the Secretary of State or the Secretary of
23 Homeland Security (or a designee of one of
24 such Secretaries) knows, or has reason to be-

1 lieve, is a foreign person described in subsection
2 (a) or (b) is—

3 (i) inadmissible to the United States;

4 (ii) ineligible for a visa or other docu-
5 mentation to enter the United States; and

6 (iii) otherwise ineligible to be admitted
7 or paroled into the United States or to re-
8 ceive any other benefit under the Immigra-
9 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et
10 seq.).

11 (B) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—

12 (i) IN GENERAL.—The issuing con-
13 sular officer, the Secretary of State, or the
14 Secretary of Homeland Security (or a des-
15 ignee of one of such Secretaries) shall, in
16 accordance with section 221(i) of the Im-
17 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
18 1201(i)), revoke any visa or other entry
19 documentation issued to a foreign national
20 described in subparagraph (A) regardless
21 of when the visa or other entry documenta-
22 tion is issued.

23 (ii) EFFECT OF REVOCATION.—A rev-
24 ocation under clause (i)—

1 (I) shall take effect immediately;
2 and
3 (II) shall automatically cancel
4 any other valid visa or entry docu-
5 mentation that is in the foreign na-
6 tional's possession.

7 (d) EXCEPTIONS.—

8 (1) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH INTER-
9 NATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.—Sanctions under sub-
10 section (c)(2) shall not apply with respect to the ad-
11 mission of an alien if admitting or paroling the alien
12 into the United States is necessary to permit the
13 United States to comply with the Agreement regard-
14 ing the Headquarters of the United Nations, signed
15 at Lake Success June 26, 1947, and entered into
16 force November 21, 1947, between the United Na-
17 tions and the United States, or other applicable
18 international obligations.

19 (2) EXCEPTION FOR INTELLIGENCE, LAW EN-
20 FORCEMENT, AND NATIONAL SECURITY ACTIVI-
21 TIES.—Sanctions under this section shall not apply
22 to any authorized intelligence, law enforcement, or
23 national security activities of the United States.

1 (3) EXCEPTION FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSIST-
2 ANCE.—Sanctions under this section shall not apply
3 to—

4 (A) the conduct or facilitation of a trans-
5 action for the provision of agricultural commod-
6 ities, food, medicine, medical devices, humani-
7 tarian assistance, or for humanitarian purposes;
8 or

9 (B) transactions that are necessary for, or
10 ordinarily incident to, the activities described in
11 subparagraph (A).

12 (e) IMPLEMENTATION; PENALTIES.—

13 (1) IMPLEMENTATION.—The President may ex-
14 ercise all authorities provided to the President under
15 sections 203 and 205 of the International Emer-
16 gency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and
17 1704) to carry out this section.

18 (2) PENALTIES.—The penalties provided for in
19 subsections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the Inter-
20 national Emergency Economic Powers Act (50
21 U.S.C. 1705) shall apply to a person that violates,
22 attempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a
23 violation of regulations promulgated to carry out
24 this section to the same extent that such penalties

1 apply to a person who commits an unlawful act de-
2 scribed in section 206(a) of that Act.

3 (f) WAIVER.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President may, on a
5 case-by-case basis, waive for a period of not more
6 than 12 months the application of sanctions imposed
7 with respect to a foreign person under this section
8 if the President—

9 (A) certifies to the appropriate congres-
10 sional committees, not later than 15 days before
11 such waiver is to take effect, that the waiver is
12 vital to the national security interests of the
13 United States; and

14 (B) includes in such certification informa-
15 tion describing—

16 (i) the foreign person to which the
17 waiver applies; and

18 (ii) the activities that the foreign per-
19 son has engaged in.

20 (2) SUBSEQUENT RENEWAL OF WAIVER.—The
21 President may, at the conclusion of the period of a
22 waiver under paragraph (1), renew the waiver for
23 one additional period not to exceed 12 months if the
24 President determines for such renewal that, in ac-
25 cordance with the requirements of subparagraphs

1 (A) and (B) of paragraph (1), it is appropriate to
2 do so.

3 (g) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date
4 of the enactment of this Act, and every 180 days there-
5 after, the President shall submit to the appropriate con-
6 gressional committees a report that includes—

7 (1) an assessment of the implementation of this
8 section including—

9 (A) the names of any foreign persons that
10 have been designated for the imposition of sanc-
11 tions under this Act;

12 (B) a description of the sanctions consid-
13 ered and imposed with respect to each such per-
14 son; and

15 (C) a description of the activity each such
16 person has engaged in that was the basis for
17 the sanctions;

18 (2) a list of foreign persons for which the impo-
19 sition of sanctions were waived under subsection (f)
20 and a detailed, specific description of the activity
21 each such person engaged in that would have been
22 the basis for imposing sanctions but for the waiver;

23 (3) a description of the status of Israeli settle-
24 ment and outpost expansion in the West Bank or
25 Gaza;

1 (4) an assessment of to what extent United
2 States persons, including United States financial in-
3 stitutions and financial services providers, provided
4 materials or services to construct or expand settle-
5 ments and outposts, or facilitate such construction
6 or expansion; and

7 (5) a description of the actions that the United
8 States Government and regional partners are taking
9 to protect the viability of a Palestinian state in the
10 West Bank and Gaza.

11 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
13 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
14 mittees” means—

15 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
16 the House of Representatives; and

17 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
18 the Senate.

19 (2) FOREIGN PERSON.—The term “foreign per-
20 son” means—

21 (A) any individual who is not a United
22 States person; or

23 (B) any entity that is not organized under
24 the laws of the United States or of any jurisdic-
25 tion within the United States, including a for-

1 eign financial institution, corporation, partner-
2 ship, association, trust, joint venture, organiza-
3 tion, or any other legal entity.

4 **SEC. 3. FINANCIAL CRIMES ENFORCEMENT NETWORK**
5 **GUIDANCE CONCERNING ACTIVITIES RE-**
6 **LATED TO ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS OR OUT-**
7 **POSTS IN THE WEST BANK OR GAZA.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Fi-
10 nancial Crimes Enforcement Network, in consultation
11 with the Director of the Office of Foreign Assets Control,
12 shall issue guidance to financial institutions relating to the
13 activities described in sections 2(a) and 2(b).

14 (b) UPDATE.—The Director of the Financial Crimes
15 Enforcement Network shall update the guidance required
16 by subsection (a) not less than every 180 days after the
17 date of the issuance of the initial guidance required by
18 subsection (a).

19 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITION ON TRADE IN ISRAELI GOODS FROM**
20 **ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS OR OUTPOSTS IN THE**
21 **WEST BANK OR GAZA.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date that is 120
23 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, no goods
24 produced or manufactured wholly or in part in any Israeli

1 settlements or outposts in the West Bank or Gaza may
2 be imported into the United States.

3 (b) LIST.—The President shall develop and contin-
4 ually update a list that includes the Israeli settlements or
5 outposts in the West Bank or Gaza for purposes of the
6 prohibition in subsection (a).

7 (c) EXCEPTION FOR PERSONAL BAGGAGE.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The prohibition in sub-
9 section (a) shall not apply to goods imported into
10 the United States as accompanied baggage by an in-
11 dividual arriving in the United States, if such
12 goods—

13 (A) are for the personal use of the indi-
14 vidual, including for use as a bona fide gift; and

15 (B) are not in commercial quantities and
16 are not imported for sale or resale.

17 (2) UNACCOMPANIED SHIPMENTS.—The excep-
18 tion under paragraph (1) shall not apply to goods
19 sent by mail, express courier, or any other means of
20 shipment not accompanying the individual.

21 (d) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 90 days after the
22 date of the enactment of this Act, the head of each rel-
23 evant Federal department and agency shall promulgate
24 such regulations as are necessary to implement this sec-
25 tion.

1 **SEC. 5. SUNSET.**

2 This Act shall terminate on the date that is 10 years
3 after the date of the enactment of this Act.