

Stop the Settlements Act One Pager

Summary:

- The *Stop the Settlements Act* would stop the construction of new settlements or expansion of existing Israeli settlements and outposts in the West Bank and Gaza through the use of sanctions and a prohibition on the importation of goods made in these settlements and outposts. This would mirror and complement efforts announced or being implemented by countries such as the United Kingdom, France, Canada, the Netherlands, and Spain.
- Stopping the construction of new settlements or expansion of Israeli settlements in the West Bank and Gaza would protect Palestinians from dispossession of their land and help create a pathway to peace, where both Israelis and Palestinians are able to fully exercise their right to self determination.

What the Bill Would Do:

Sanctions:

- The *Stop the Settlements Act* requires the President to sanction any foreign entity or individual that:
 - Is responsible for, complicit in, or directly or indirectly engaged or attempted to engage in the establishment of new Israeli settlements or outposts in the West Bank or Gaza on or after Sep 30, 2026
 - Invests in or constructs infrastructure designed to facilitate the establishment of new Israeli settlements or outposts or expand existing Israeli settlements or outposts
 - Constructs or develops settlements in the area known as “E1,” a project that would cut the West Bank in two and isolate East Jerusalem from the rest of the West Bank
 - Facilitates the transfer of Israeli civilian population into Israeli settlements or outposts on or after September 30, 2026
 - Is a leader or official of any entity, including government entities, that has engaged in these actions or of any entities sanctioned under this act.
- The bill would also allow for sanctions on any foreign entity or individual that:
 - Participates in activities related to financing, planning, construction, expansion, or maintenance of existing Israeli settlements or outposts that the President determines undermines the viability of a future Palestinian state
 - Assists, supports, or is owned or controlled by a sanctioned entity
- The sanctions to be imposed include revocation of visas, prohibitions on issuance of new visas, and the blocking of a sanctioned entity’s assets that are in the jurisdiction of the United States.
- The bill includes the ability to waive sanctions for 12 months (renewable once), with reports to Congress, and exemptions for humanitarian activities, in support of treaty obligations, and national security activities.

Financial Crimes Enforcement Network Guidance:

- The *Stop the Settlements Act* would require the director of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network to issue guidance to financial institutions regarding the activities subject to sanctions in this bill.

Ban on Import of Settlement Goods

- The bill would prohibit anyone from importing any goods produced, wholly or in part, in any Israeli settlements or outposts in the West Bank or Gaza, exempting any items carried by individuals in their accompanied baggage if those goods are purely for personal, non-commercial use.

Sunset:

- The bill would sunset 10 years after enactment.