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To prevent violence in the West Bank and authorize the imposition of sanctions with respect to any foreign person endangering United States national security and undermining prospects for a two-state solution by committing illegal violent acts.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BOOKER 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 “West Bank Violence
5 Prevention Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO ACTIONS THREAT-**
2 **ENING PEACE, SECURITY, OR STABILITY OF**
3 **THE WEST BANK.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall impose sanc-
5 tions described in subsection (b) with respect to any for-
6 eign person determined by the President to meet any of
7 the following:

8 (1) To be responsible for or complicit in, or to
9 have directly or indirectly engaged or attempted to
10 engage in directing, enacting, implementing, plan-
11 ning, ordering, participating in, enforcing, or failing
12 to enforce policies that would prevent, actions that
13 threaten the peace, security, or stability of the West
14 Bank, including the following:

15 (A) An act of violence targeting civilians.

16 (B) A threat of violence targeting civilians
17 with the intent to coerce or intimidate.

18 (C) Efforts to place civilians in reasonable
19 fear of violence with the purpose or effect of ne-
20 cessitating a change of residence to avoid such
21 violence.

22 (D) Destruction by private persons of
23 physical property, without the consent of the
24 owner, that renders the property unusable, a
25 residence uninhabitable, or agricultural land
26 unworkable.

1 (E) Seizure or dispossession of property by
2 private persons.

3 (2) To be or have been a leader or official of—

4 (A) an entity, including any government
5 entity, that has engaged in, or members of
6 which have engaged in, any of the activities de-
7 scribed in paragraph (1) or (5) related to the
8 leader's or official's tenure; or

9 (B) an entity the property and interests in
10 property of which are blocked under this section
11 as a result of activities relating to the leader's
12 or official's tenure.

13 (3) To have materially assisted, sponsored, or
14 provided financial, material, or technological support
15 for, or goods or services to or in support of, any per-
16 son the property and interests in property of which
17 are blocked under this section.

18 (4) To be owned or controlled by, or to have
19 acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly
20 or indirectly, any person the property and interests
21 in property of which are blocked under this section.

22 (5) To have committed or have attempted to
23 commit, or to have participated in training to com-
24 mit, acts of terrorism targeting the West Bank.

1 (6) To be a leader or official of an entity sub-
2 ject to sanctions under paragraph (5).

3 (b) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions de-
4 scribed in this subsection are the following:

5 (1) ASSET BLOCKING.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the
7 requirements of section 202 of the International
8 Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C.
9 1701), the President shall exercise all powers
10 granted to the President by that Act to the ex-
11 tent necessary to block and prohibit all trans-
12 actions in all property and interests in property
13 of any foreign person described in subsection
14 (a), if such property and interests in property
15 are in the United States, come within the
16 United States, or are or come within the pos-
17 session or control of a United States person.

18 (B) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—A prohi-
19 bition on transactions under subparagraph (A)
20 includes—

21 (i) the making of any contribution or
22 provision of funds, goods, or services by,
23 to, or for the benefit of any person the
24 property and interests in property of which

1 are blocked pursuant to subparagraph (A);

2 and

3 (ii) the receipt of any contribution or
4 provision of funds, goods, or services from
5 any such person.

6 (2) INELIGIBILITY FOR VISAS, ADMISSION, OR
7 PAROLE.—

8 (A) VISAS, ADMISSION, OR PAROLE.—An
9 alien described in subsection (a) shall be—

10 (i) inadmissible to the United States;

11 (ii) ineligible to receive a visa or other
12 documentation to enter the United States;
13 and

14 (iii) otherwise ineligible to be admitted
15 or paroled into the United States or to re-
16 ceive any other benefit under the Immigra-
17 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et
18 seq.).

19 (B) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—

20 (i) IN GENERAL.—The visa or other
21 entry documentation of an alien described
22 in subsection (a) shall be revoked, regard-
23 less of when such visa or other entry docu-
24 mentation is or was issued.

1 (ii) IMMEDIATE EFFECT.—A revoca-
2 tion under clause (i) shall—

3 (I) take effect immediately; and

4 (II) automatically cancel any
5 other valid visa or entry documenta-
6 tion that is in the possession of the
7 alien.

8 (c) EXCEPTIONS.—

9 (1) AUTHORIZED INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES.—

10 Sanctions under this section shall not apply with re-
11 spect to any activity subject to the reporting require-
12 ments under title V of the National Security Act of
13 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3091 et seq.) or any authorized in-
14 telligence activities of the United States.

15 (2) HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.—Sanctions
16 under this section shall not apply to—

17 (A) the conduct or facilitation of a trans-
18 action for the provision of agricultural commod-
19 ities, food, medicine, medical devices, or human-
20 itarian assistance, or for humanitarian pur-
21 poses; or

22 (B) transactions that are necessary for or
23 related to the activities described in clause (i).

24 (3) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH INTER-
25 NATIONAL OBLIGATIONS AND FOR LAW ENFORCE-

1 MENT.—Sanctions under subsection (b)(2) shall not
2 apply with respect to the admission of an alien if ad-
3 mitting or paroling the alien into the United
4 States—

5 (A) is necessary to permit the United
6 States to comply with the Agreement regarding
7 the Headquarters of the United Nations, signed
8 at Lake Success June 26, 1947, and entered
9 into force November 21, 1947, between the
10 United Nations and the United States, or other
11 applicable international obligations; or

12 (B) would further important United States
13 law enforcement objectives.

14 (d) NATIONAL SECURITY WAIVER.—The President
15 may waive the imposition of sanctions under this section
16 with respect to a foreign person if the President deter-
17 mines that the waiver is in the national security interests
18 of the United States.

19 (e) TERMINATION OF SANCTIONS.—The President
20 may terminate the application of sanctions under this sec-
21 tion with respect to a foreign person if the President cer-
22 tifies to the appropriate congressional committees that—

23 (1) the person—

24 (A) is not engaging in the activity that was
25 the basis for such sanctions; or

1 (B) has taken significant, verifiable steps
2 toward stopping the activity that was the basis
3 for such sanctions; and

4 (2) the President has received reliable assur-
5 ances that the person will not knowingly engage in
6 any activity subject to sanctions in the future.

7 (f) IMPLEMENTATION; PENALTIES.—

8 (1) IMPLEMENTATION.—The President may ex-
9 ercise all authorities provided under sections 203
10 and 205 of the International Emergency Economic
11 Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704) to carry out
12 this section.

13 (2) PENALTIES.—A person that violates, at-
14 tempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a
15 violation of this section or any regulation, license, or
16 order issued to carry out this section shall be subject
17 to the penalties set forth in subsections (b) and (c)
18 of section 206 of the International Emergency Eco-
19 nomic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) to the same ex-
20 tent as a person that commits an unlawful act de-
21 scribed in subsection (a) of that section.

22 (g) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days
23 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 180
24 days thereafter, the President shall submit to the appro-
25 priate congressional committees a report that includes—

1 (1) an assessment of the implementation of this
2 section, including—

3 (A) the names of any persons that have
4 been designated for the imposition of sanctions
5 under this section;

6 (B) a description of the sanctions consid-
7 ered and imposed with respect to each such per-
8 son; and

9 (C) a description of the activity each such
10 person engaged in that was the basis for the
11 sanctions;

12 (2) a list of persons for which the imposition of
13 sanctions was waived under subsection (d) and a de-
14 tailed, specific description of the activity each such
15 person engaged in that would have been the basis
16 for imposing sanctions but for the waiver;

17 (3) a description of the circumstances in the
18 West Bank relating to acts of violence against civil-
19 ians and private property and an assessment of
20 whether any of such acts of violence were against
21 United States persons or property owned by United
22 States persons; and

23 (4) a description of the actions the United
24 States Government and regional partners are taking

1 to reduce violence against civilians and the destruc-
2 tion of private property in the West Bank.

3 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) ADMISSION; ADMITTED; ALIEN; ETC.—The
5 terms “admission”, “admitted”, “alien”, and “law-
6 fully admitted for permanent residence” have the
7 meanings given those terms in section 101 of the
8 Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101).

9 (2) AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY.—The term
10 “agricultural commodity” has the meaning given
11 that term in section 102 of the Agricultural Trade
12 Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 5602).

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

16 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
17 the Committee on Financial Services of the
18 House of Representatives; and

19 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations
20 and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
21 Urban Affairs of the Senate.

22 (4) ENTITY.—The term “entity” means a part-
23 nership, association, trust, joint venture, corpora-
24 tion, group, subgroup, or other organization.

1 (5) MEDICAL DEVICE.—The term “medical de-
2 vice” has the meaning given the term “device” in
3 section 201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-
4 metic Act (21 U.S.C. 321).

5 (6) MEDICINE.—The term “medicine” has the
6 meaning given the term “drug” in section 201 of the
7 Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.
8 321).

9 (7) PERSON.—The term “person” means an in-
10 dividual or entity.

11 (8) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term
12 “United States person” means—

13 (A) a United States citizen or an alien law-
14 fully admitted for permanent residence to the
15 United States; or

16 (B) an entity organized under the laws of
17 the United States or any jurisdiction within the
18 United States, including a foreign branch of
19 such an entity; or

20 (C) any person in the United States.

21 (9) TERRORISM.—The term “terrorism” means
22 an activity that—

23 (A) involves a violent act or an act dan-
24 gerous to human life, property, or infrastruc-
25 ture; and

- 1 (B) appears to be intended—
- 2 (i) to intimidate or coerce a civilian
- 3 population;
- 4 (ii) to influence the policy of a govern-
- 5 ment by intimidation or coercion; or
- 6 (iii) to affect the conduct of a govern-
- 7 ment by mass destruction, assassination,
- 8 kidnapping, or hostage-taking.