

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 850**  
**OFFERED BY MR. DEUTCH OF FLORIDA**

At the end of title III add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 304. AUTHORITY OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERN-**  
2 **MENTS TO AVOID EXPOSURE TO SANCTIONED**  
3 **PERSONS AND SECTORS.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 202 of the Comprehensive  
5 Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of  
6 2010 (22 U.S.C. 8532) is amended by striking subsections  
7 (a), (b), and (c) and inserting the following:

8 “(a) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of Con-  
9 gress that the United States should support the decision  
10 of any State or local government to divest from or prohibit  
11 the investment of assets of the State or local government,  
12 to prohibit the issuance of licenses to conduct business in  
13 the State or locality to, and to impose disclosure and  
14 transparency requirements on, a person that invests in or  
15 conducts transactions for or with a person or sector sub-  
16 ject to sanctions with respect to Iran.

17 “(b) **AUTHORITY.**—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
18 sion of law, a State or local government may adopt and  
19 enforce measures that meet the requirements of subsection  
20 (d)—

1           “(1) to divest the assets of the State or local  
2           government from a person described in subsection  
3           (e);

4           “(2) to prohibit investment of the assets of the  
5           State or local government in any such person;

6           “(3) to prohibit the issuance of licenses to con-  
7           duct business in the State or locality to any such  
8           person; or

9           “(4) to impose disclosure and transparency re-  
10          quirements on any such person.

11          “(c) PERSONS DESCRIBED.—A person described in  
12          this subsection is a person that invests in or engages in  
13          any transaction with or for any person engaged in any  
14          activity for which sanctions may be imposed under any  
15          provision of Federal law imposing sanctions with respect  
16          to Iran.”.

17          (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 202 of the  
18          Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Di-  
19          vestment Act of 2010 (22 U.S.C. 8532) is amended—

20                 (1) in subsection (d)(4), by striking “engages in  
21                 investment activities in Iran described in subsection  
22                 (c)” and inserting “is a person described in sub-  
23                 section (c)”;

24                 (2) in subsection (f), by striking “or (i)” and  
25                 inserting “or (g)”;

1           (3) by striking subsections (g) and (h) and by  
2 redesignating subsections (i) and (j) as subsections  
3 (g) and (h), respectively; and

4           (4) in paragraph (1) of subsection (g), as reded-  
5 igned by paragraph (3), by striking “(determined  
6 without regard to subsection (c))”.

7       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
8 this section apply to measures adopted by State and local  
9 governments on or after the date of the enactment of this  
10 Act.



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Redesignate section 305 as section 306.

Insert after section 304 the following new section:

**1 SEC. 305. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON ELECTIONS IN IRAN.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-  
3 ings:

4 (1) The Iranian people are systematically de-  
5 nied free, fair, and credible elections by the Govern-  
6 ment of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

7 (2) The unelected and unaccountable Guardian  
8 Council disqualifies hundreds of qualified candidates,  
9 including women and most religious minorities, while  
10 the regime intimidates others into staying out of  
11 elections completely.

12 (3) Voting inconsistencies, including an absence  
13 of international observers, and fraud are common-  
14 place.

15 (4) The 2009 presidential elections proved that  
16 the regime will engage in large scale vote-rigging to  
17 ensure a specific result.

1           (5) The Iranian regime combines electoral ma-  
2           nipulation with the ruthless suppression of dissent.  
3           Following the 2009 elections, peaceful demonstrators  
4           were met with violence by the regime's security ap-  
5           paratus, including arbitrary detentions, beatings,  
6           kidnappings, rapes, and murders.

7           (6) The electoral manipulation and human  
8           rights violations are in violation of the Government  
9           of Iran's agreed to obligations under the United Na-  
10          tions International Covenant on Civil and Political  
11          Rights.

12          (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the  
13          Congress that—

14                (1) the Iranian people are deprived by their  
15                government of free, fair, and credible elections;

16                (2) the United States should support freedom,  
17                human rights, civil liberties, and the rule of law in  
18                Iran, and elections that are free and fair, meet inter-  
19                national standards, and allow independent inter-  
20                national and domestic electoral observers unre-  
21                stricted access to polling and counting stations; and

22                (3) the United States should support the people  
23                of Iran in their peaceful calls for a representative

- 1 and responsive democratic government that respects
- 2 human rights, civil liberties, and the rule of law.



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Add at the end the following new title:

1 **TITLE IV—ADDITIONAL AU-**  
2 **THORITIES TO PREVENT CEN-**  
3 **SORSHIP ACTIVITIES IN IRAN**

4 **SEC. 401. REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF SANCTIONS**  
5 **AGAINST THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN**  
6 **BROADCASTING.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the  
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State  
9 shall submit to Congress a report on the following:

10 (1) The current status of availability of the Is-  
11 lamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting (IRIB) on  
12 international satellites, entities that facilitate its op-  
13 eration by providing services or equipment, and the  
14 technical means that it engages in jamming.

15 (2) The instances, since January 1, 2012, in  
16 which the IRIB engaged in activities that violated  
17 Article 19 of the International Covenant on Civil  
18 and Political Rights, including broadcasting forced  
19 confessions and hate speech against minorities.



1 of Iran or an entity owned or controlled by that Govern-  
2 ment is unable to obtain sensitive technologies through the  
3 re-export of such sensitive technologies by third-party  
4 intermediaries.

5 (b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “sensitive  
6 technology” has the meaning given that term in section  
7 106 of the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability,  
8 and Divestment Act of 2010 (22 U.S.C. 8515).

9 **SEC. 403. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON PROVISION OF INTER-**  
10 **CEPT TECHNOLOGIES TO IRAN.**

11 It is the sense of Congress that—

12 (1) those that provide intercept technologies  
13 that limit freedom of speech or expression to the  
14 Government of Iran should be held accountable for  
15 the repression of the Iranian people; and

16 (2) no person should use an existing contract  
17 with the Government of Iran as a justification to  
18 continue to supply intercept technologies to the Gov-  
19 ernment of Iran for purposes of restricting the free  
20 flow of information.

21 **SEC. 404. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON AVAILABILITY OF CON-**  
22 **SUMER COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES IN**  
23 **IRAN.**

24 It is the sense of Congress that—

1 (1) the Department of the Treasury and De-  
2 partment of State should encourage the free flow of  
3 information in Iran to counter the Government of  
4 Iran's repression of its own people; and

5 (2) in order to facilitate the free flow of infor-  
6 mation in Iran, the Department of Treasury should  
7 ensure that certain consumer communication tech-  
8 nologies are available to Iranian civil society and the  
9 Iranian people.

10 **SEC. 405. EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS FOR**  
11 **AUTHORIZATION OF TRANSFER OF GOODS**  
12 **AND SERVICES TO IRAN TO FACILITATE THE**  
13 **ABILITY OF IRANIAN PERSONS TO FREELY**  
14 **COMMUNICATE.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 413 of the Iran Threat  
16 Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 (22  
17 U.S.C. 8753) is amended—

18 (1) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-  
19 section (f); and

20 (2) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-  
21 lowing new subsection:

22 “(e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The expedited proc-  
23 ess for the consideration of complete requests for author-  
24 ization to engage in the activities described in subsection  
25 (a) shall be construed to also apply to the transfer of

1 goods and services to Iran to facilitate the ability of Ira-  
2 nian persons to freely communicate, obtain information,  
3 and access the Internet and other communications sys-  
4 tems.”.

5 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by  
6 subsection (a) take effect on the date of the enactment  
7 of this Act and apply with respect to requests described  
8 in section 413 of the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria  
9 Human Rights Act of 2012, as so amended, that are sub-  
10 mitted to the Office of Foreign Assets Control on or after  
11 such date of enactment.



