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House Adopts Measures Targeting Destabilizing Actions by Iran and Hizballah

AIPAC applauds the U.S. House of Representatives for overwhelmingly adopting four bipartisan measures that target Iran and Hizballah's malign activities. We appreciate the House's efforts to counter the dangerous aggression of Iran and Hizballah, as well as to sanction those that support the terrorist organization with its fundraising and recruitment. We concur with imposing sanctions on those who assist Hizballah with its reprehensible practice of using Lebanese civilians as human shields. And we support the House's request that the European Union designate all of Hizballah as a terrorist organization.

The House adopted these measures:

- *The Iran Ballistic Missiles and International Sanctions Enforcement Act* (H.R. 1698) expands sanctions against Iran related to its illicit ballistic missile program and its aggressive behavior in the Middle East. Reps. Ed Royce (R-CA), Eliot Engel (D-NY), Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) and Steny Hoyer (D-MD) authored the bill.
- *The Hizballah International Financing Prevention Amendments Act of 2017* (H.R. 3329) strengthens and expands the scope of economic and financial sanctions imposed by the Hizballah International Financing Prevention Act of 2015. It targets foreign governments that knowingly provide significant financial support to Hizballah and foreign individuals and companies that aid its fundraising or recruitment activities. Last month, the Senate passed companion legislation (S. 1595). Reps. Ed Royce (R-CA) and Eliot Engel (D-NY) introduced the measure.

- *Hizballah's Illicit Use of Civilians as Defenseless Shields Act* (H.R. 3342) requires the president to impose sanctions on foreign persons responsible for the use of civilians, prisoners of war, and other noncombatants as human shields, in violation of international law. Reps. Mike Gallagher (R-WI) and Tom Suozzi (D-NY) authored the bill.
- *Urging the European Union to designate Hizballah in its entirety as a terrorist organization and increase pressure on it and its members* (H.Res. 359) encourages the EU to expand this designation beyond Hizballah's so-called military wing. Reps. Ted Deutch (D-FL) and Gus Bilirakis (R-FL) introduced the legislation.

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