117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. ______

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. McCaul introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Stop Iranian Drones
5 Act”.
SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:


(2) Section 107 of the Countering America’s Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (22 U.S.C. 9406), enacted August 2, 2017, requires the President to impose sanctions on any person that the President determines “knowingly engages in any activity that materially contributes to the supply, sale, or transfer directly or indirectly to or from Iran, or for the use in or benefit of Iran, of any battle tanks, armored combat vehicles, large caliber artillery systems, combat aircraft, attack helicopters, warships, missiles or missile systems, as defined for the purpose of the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms, or related materiel, including spare parts”.

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(3) In 2019, the United Nations formally changed the heading of category IV of the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms to “combat aircraft and unmanned combat aerial vehicles”.

SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.

It shall be the policy of the United States to prevent Iran and Iranian-aligned terrorist and militia groups from acquiring unmanned aerial vehicles, including commercially available component parts, that can be used in attacks against United States persons and partner nations.

SEC. 4. AMENDMENT TO COUNTERING AMERICA’S ADVERSARIES THROUGH SANCTIONS ACT RELATING TO SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO IRAN.

(a) In General.—Section 107 of the Countering America’s Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (22 U.S.C. 9406) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking “ENFORCEMENT OF ARMS EMBARGOS” and inserting “SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO MAJOR CONVENTIONAL ARMS”; and

(2) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting “or unmanned combat aerial vehicles” after “combat aircraft”.

(b) Clerical Amendment.—The table of contents for the Countering America’s Adversaries Through San-
Section 107 is amended by striking the item relating to section 107 and inserting the following:

"Sec. 107. Sanctions with respect to major conventional arms."

(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this section take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and apply with respect to any person that knowingly engages in any activity that materially contributes to the supply, sale, or transfer directly or indirectly to or from Iran, or for the use in or benefit of Iran, of any unmanned combat aerial vehicles, as defined for the purpose of the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms, before, on, or after such date of enactment.