

February 16, 2023

The Honorable Avril Haines
Director of National Intelligence
Office of the Director of National Intelligence
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Dear Director Haines:

Pursuant to Section 1227 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022, the Director of National Intelligence was required to file a report on the military capabilities of Iran and related capabilities within 180 days of its passage. Yet while the FY22 NDAA was signed into law on December 27, 2021, in clear violation of the law, you still have not filed this critical report with the House Foreign Affairs Committee. To rectify this failure, I ask you to immediately submit this report to Congress and provide a detailed overview of your office's actions to oppose threats posed by Iran.

This report requires a detailed description of the advancements in the military capabilities of Iran, especially regarding the capabilities of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and Iranian-backed groups, including Hezbollah and the Houthis. This report also mandates the inclusion of information about known instances of the supply, sale, or transfer of arms or related materiel, including spare parts, to or from Iran and known instances of missile launches by Iran, including for the purposes of testing and development or use in military operations.

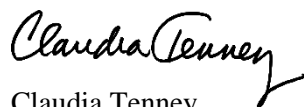
In addition, the report is to include an assessment of the impact of U.S. sanctions and the U.N. arms embargo, and an assessment of the acts of violence and intimidation against Iraqi civilians by Iranian-backed groups. Finally, it requires an assessment of the threats posed to U.S. personnel and partners by Iranian-backed groups, and the role that Iranian-backed groups play in Iraq's armed forces and security services, including Iraq's Popular Mobilization Forces.

It is vital that Congress finally receives this report – even if it is 233 days late – so we can better counteract the threats posed by Iran and Iranian-backed groups, as well as their ongoing actions in the region. This information is vital in informing Congress as it performs its oversight responsibilities and shapes America's national security policies.

We look forward to receiving this report expeditiously by February 28, 2023.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,



Claudia Tenney
Member of Congress