

I voted Yes on H.R. 1905, the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012.

This bill will increase current sanctions on Iran to impose several new sanctions on Iran's energy, financial, and transportation sectors. This bill will subject individuals and entities who are responsible for carrying out serious human rights abuses in Iran to U.S. sanctions. This bill will also impose sanctions on foreign entities that provide Iran with weapons or technology that are utilized to carry out such censorship or human rights abuses. New sanctions included within this legislation expand to the National Iranian Tanker Company (NITC), the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC), and Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC). The NITC and the NIOC have defied international sanctions by providing significant support to the IRGC, and revenue from their activities have provided funding for activities such as proliferation, censorship, and terrorism. In addition, this bill will also impose sanctions on human rights violators in Syria. The continued development of Iran's nuclear program poses a great risk to the international community and peace efforts in the Middle East, and as a cosponsor of this legislation I believe that it is imperative to enact such additional sanctions in order to show Iran the consequences of violating its nuclear nonproliferation obligations.

The bill was approved by a vote of 421-6