

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To prohibit the use of Federal funds for direct cash assistance in Taliban-controlled Afghanistan.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BRECHEEN 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 “No More Taxpayer
5 Cash for the Taliban Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Billions of United States taxpayer dollars
9 are being flown into Afghanistan, where they are di-

1 rectly and indirectly benefiting the illegitimate
2 Taliban regime.

3 (2) The sudden and disorganized withdrawal of
4 the United States military presence in Afghanistan
5 ordered by the President in August 2021 desta-
6 bilized the Afghan National Security Forces, leading
7 to the Taliban taking control of Kabul on August
8 15, 2021.

9 (3) According to the Special Inspector General
10 for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR), since Au-
11 gust 2021, the United Nations has purchased and
12 transported at least \$2,900,000,000 for use in Af-
13 ghanistan.

14 (4) As of January 2024, of the \$2,900,000,000
15 that the United Nations has sent to Taliban-con-
16 trolled Afghanistan since August 2021, the United
17 States Government has provided \$2,600,000,000 of
18 taxpayer dollars.

19 (5) Inside Afghanistan, the United Nations
20 uses this United States currency to buy local cur-
21 rency, afghani, from the Taliban-controlled central
22 bank of Afghanistan, Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB).

23 (6) According to SIGAR, the Taliban has di-
24 rectly and indirectly benefited from United States
25 currency shipments to Afghanistan in multiple ways.

1 (7) The Taliban “taxes” direct cash assistance,
2 stealing millions of United States taxpayer dollars.

3 (8) The Taliban charges currency exchange fees
4 when international organizations convert United
5 States currency into afghani using DAB.

6 (9) The revenues from aid taxation and cur-
7 rency exchange fees can be used by the Taliban to
8 fund their priorities, including their military and se-
9 curity services.

10 (10) The influx of United States currency into
11 the Taliban-controlled central bank has propped up
12 the value of the afghani.

13 (11) United Nations purchases of afghani from
14 the Taliban-controlled central bank have provided
15 the Taliban with millions in largely untraceable
16 United States currency.

17 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
18 gress that no taxpayer dollars should be given to support
19 the illegitimate Taliban regime in Afghanistan.

20 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITIONS.**

21 (a) DIRECT CASH ASSISTANCE PROHIBITED.—Not-
22 withstanding any other provision of law, no Federal funds
23 may be made available by any Federal department or
24 agency in the form of direct cash assistance to any person
25 in Afghanistan.

1 (b) ASSISTANCE TO UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER
2 NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS LIMITED.—Not-
3 withstanding any other provision of law, no Federal funds
4 may be obligated or expended by any Federal department
5 or agency to provide funds to the United Nations, a non-
6 governmental organization, or a public international orga-
7 nization, if such funds will be used to provide direct cash
8 assistance to any person in Afghanistan.

9 (c) PROHIBITION ON SALE OF UNITED STATES CUR-
10 RENCY TO THE UNITED NATIONS.—Notwithstanding any
11 other provision of law, the Board of Governors of the Fed-
12 eral Reserve System may not sell, or authorize a Federal
13 reserve bank to sell, United States currency to the United
14 Nations for the purpose of direct cash assistance in Af-
15 ghanistan.