

REP. KHANNA'S DANGEROUS IRAN MEASURE

TOPLINE:

- House Democrats will force a vote on another measure this week that aims to tie the President's hands against Iran. This bill, [H. R. 5543](#), is intended to undermine President Trump after his decisive strike against a ruthless Iranian terrorist and the action his Administration has taken to protect America's national security interests.
- Rep. Ro Khanna's 'No War Against Iran Act' would block the use of funding for "any use of military force" in or against Iran unless Congress has declared war, enacted a new AUMF, or "a national emergency [is] created by attack upon the United States." **This bill is unconstitutional, partisan, hurts our national security, and puts our troops at risk.**

KEY FACTS:

- This bill is a dangerous infringement on the President's Article II authority as Commander-in-Chief and Chief Executive.
 - It could bar the President from taking action to defend the nation even when intelligence shows that an attack is imminent.
 - It could forbid countering an Iranian attack on American diplomats or citizens.
 - It could prohibit the President from acting in defense of our closest allies, including Israel.
- This measure will embolden Iran and endanger our troops.
 - It undermines the Administration's ongoing successful efforts at [deterrence](#).
 - It creates ambiguity about when our troops may defend themselves—something our men and women in uniform should never have to question.
- This bill sends the wrong message about American resolve, both to our allies and our adversaries.

TAKEAWAYS:

- The President must be able to act swiftly and decisively against our adversaries—but this legislation seeks to prevent him from doing so. Iran has only escalated its attacks against U.S. forces and diplomats in recent months, making executive flexibility all the more critical.
- After the U.S. strike against Qassem Soleimani this month, Speaker Pelosi rushed to vote on a similar measure intended to tie the President's hands. That legislation had no force of law and was just as unconstitutional and partisan as the one Democrats are forcing a vote on now.
- It is clear that Democrats are putting this legislation on the floor this week as a partisan stunt—especially seeing as the House already debated this text as a proposed NDAA amendment in July. It was rejected and stripped through the Conference process.
- Successive bipartisan administrations have been granted the necessary flexibility to exercise their Article II constitutional authority and defend America. President Trump should be no different.

