



Khanna AMD: Emboldens Iran & Jeopardizes Americans & Our Allies

BOTTOM LINE: OPPOSE

This dangerous amendment would tie the President's hands concerning Iran in situations short of war, undermining our military's ability to defend Americans and support our allies. Instead of divisive political messaging, we need to show unity and strength in the face of Iran's increasing and deadly aggression.

BACKGROUND

Contrary to Democrat talking points, this measure does not just prohibit unauthorized war with Iran. It uses Congress' power of the purse to affirmatively prohibit the use of funds "for any use of military force in or against Iran," unless Congress has enacted a declaration of war or new AUMF. The only exception allowed is in response to an actual attack on U.S. territory or armed forces; this does NOT include attacks on U.S. diplomats, civilians, shipping, allies, or even preemptive defense against an imminent attack on the U.S. homeland.

This is an unprecedented attempt to deny the Article II powers claimed by every Commander in Chief—Democrat and Republican—since the War Powers Resolution was enacted. It is far more restrictive than the War Powers Resolution itself, which recognizes the use of our armed forces for up to 60 days without legislative authorization, in situations short of war.

Moreover, it comes as Iran and its proxies have stepped up attacks against U.S. troops and diplomats in recent months, including attacks on the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, and Iranian ballistic missile strikes on U.S. forces.

OPPOSE: Khanna Amendment, which:

- ▶ **Dangerously forbids any use of force against Iran, even if they attack American diplomats, civilians, allies, or commerce.**
- ▶ **Emboldens Iran by pre-emptively tying our Commander-in-Chief's hands and undermining our military's ability to respond to threats against Americans abroad.**
- ▶ **Projects weakness** and division at a time when Iran is attacking Americans overseas.
- ▶ **Is more restrictive than the War Powers Resolution**, which allows Presidential action for 60 days without Congressional approval.
- ▶ **Is pure politics at the expense of the safety of Americans already in harm's way, and is strongly opposed by the Administration.**
- ▶ **Prohibits powers claimed by all Administrations** to use force in defense of American citizens and important national interests.
- ▶ **Is partisan political messaging that was already voted on by the House in July** as an amendment to the NDAA.
- ▶ **Is being considered under convoluted procedural tactics that bypassed regular order Committee consideration and are being used to deny the minority to be heard with a Motion to Recommit.**