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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. COTTON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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. EXPANSION OF AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL**  
4       **ASSETS OF IRAN TO VICTIMS OF TERRORISM.**

5       (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-  
6       ings:

7               (1) On October 23, 1983, terrorists sponsored  
8       by the Government of Iran bombed the United

1 States Marine barracks in Beirut, Lebanon. The ter-  
2 rorists killed 241 servicemen and injured scores  
3 more.

4 (2) Those servicemen were killed or injured  
5 while on a peacekeeping mission.

6 (3) Terrorism sponsored by the Government of  
7 Iran threatens the national security of the United  
8 States.

9 (4) The United States has a vital interest in en-  
10 suring that members of the Armed Forces killed or  
11 injured by such terrorism, and the family members  
12 of such members, are able to seek justice.

13 (b) AMENDMENTS.—Section 502 of the Iran Threat  
14 Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 (22  
15 U.S.C. 8772) is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

17 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “in  
18 the United States” and inserting “by or”;

19 (B) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “,  
20 or an asset that would be blocked if the asset  
21 were located in the United States,” after  
22 “unblocked”); and

23 (C) in the flush text at the end—

24 (i) by inserting after “in aid of execu-  
25 tion” the following: “, or to an order di-

1                   recting that the asset be brought to the  
2                   State in which the court is located and  
3                   subsequently to execution or attachment in  
4                   aid of execution,”; and

5                   (ii) by inserting “, without regard to  
6                   concerns relating to international comity”  
7                   after “resources for such an act”;

8                   (2) in subsection (b)—

9                   (A) by striking “that are identified” and  
10                  inserting the following: “that are—  
11                  “(1) identified”;

12                  (B) by striking the period at the end and  
13                  inserting “; and”; and

14                  (C) by adding at the end the following:

15                  “(2) identified in and the subject of proceedings  
16                  in the United States District Court for the Southern  
17                  District of New York in Peterson et al. v. Islamic  
18                  Republic of Iran et al., Case No. 13 Civ. 9195  
19                  (LAP).”;

20                  (3) by striking subsection (e);

21                  (4) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as  
22                  subsections (d) and (e), respectively; and

23                  (5) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-  
24                  lowing:

1       “(c) PERSONAL JURISDICTION.—For purposes of  
2 this section, the United States District Court for the  
3 Southern District of New York shall have personal juris-  
4 diction over any foreign securities intermediary that cred-  
5 ited financial assets described in subsection (b) to an ac-  
6 count the intermediary holds outside the United States.”.