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## Congress Considers Bill to “Stop Arming Terrorists”

A [bipartisan bill to prohibit U.S. taxpayer funding and arming of terrorist groups and their associates](#) is making progress in Congress, most recently having a companion bill introduced in the Senate by popular liberty-minded U.S. Senator Rand Paul (R-Ky.). The legislation, originally sponsored in the House by Democrat Representative Tulsi Gabbard of Hawaii, takes aim at lawless U.S. government “regime change” schemes overseas that [often involve providing money, weapons, training, and other support to savage terror organizations](#). High-profile voices on both sides of the aisle have joined forces to get the bill passed into law. Of course, [aiding designated terror groups is already a serious crime](#), but for whatever reasons, the laws have not been enforced against federal officials.



In particular, the new legislation, known as [H.R. 608](#) in the House, bans the provision of any assistance by the federal government to al-Qaeda, Jabhat Fateh al-Sham, and the Islamic State, sometimes known as ISIS, ISIL, or Daesh. The “Stop Arming Terrorists Act,” as it is being dubbed, would also prohibit official U.S. aid to any individual or group affiliated with, associated with, or cooperating with any of the proscribed terror organizations. Finally, the legislation bans any funds to state sponsors of those groups, which would ensnare a number of ostensible U.S. government “allies.” The director of national intelligence would be in charge of making the determinations, in consultation with the appropriate congressional committees. Providing anything from cash and weapons to training and intelligence would be prohibited under the bill.

Senator Paul, a leading constitutionalist and non-interventionist in Congress, introduced the “Stop Arming Terrorists Act” last week in the Senate as