CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS REMAIN VIGILANT REGARDING OPPORTUNITIES AFFORDED BY TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

19 December 2025

WASHINGTON, DC – The Fiscal Year 2026 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) was signed into law on December 18th, 2025. This measure included a repeal of sanctions for the nation of Syria. Many Members of Congress, committed to seeking peace, prosperity, and tolerance for religious minorities in the region, worked with the Trump Administration and House leadership to secure assurances that snapback conditions regarding the repeal of Syrian sanctions would be enforced if Syria does not comply with the terms highlighted in the repeal language.

The mass murder of the Syrian Christians, Druze, Alawites, Kurds, and other religious and ethnic minorities must be a thing of the past. Congress is committed to keeping a watchful eye on the new al-Sharaa Administration to ensure protections for religious and ethnic minorities in Syria.

In the coming months, we look forward to being invited into Syria by the al-Sharaa Administration to see firsthand that the terms given to Syria by the United States have been upheld regarding the treatment of religious minorities in As Suwayda. We look forward to confirming that these terms have not been squandered by the Syrian government—whether by their President or by rogue military officials—and seeing for ourselves that the al-Sharaa Administration has created a safe environment for the religious and ethnic minorities historically persecuted in the region.

Thanks to the leadership of Speaker Johnson and Chairman Mast, the House Foreign Affairs Committee has committed to hold a hearing in early 2026 highlighting the verified change of treatment for religious minorities in Syria. As Members of Congress, we understand that the Syrian government's adherence to the conditions laid out in the NDAA's sanction repeal language is essential for lasting peace in the Middle East and Syria's prosperity.

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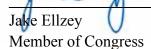
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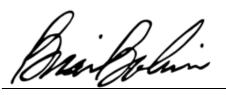
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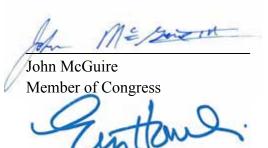
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