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To restrict funds related to escalating United States military involvement
in Syria.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. UDALL (for himself, Mr. LEE, and Mr. MURPHY) introduced the following
bill; which was read twice and referred to the Select Committee on Intelligence

A BILL

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involvement in Syria.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Americans
5 from the Proliferation of Weapons to Terrorists Act of
6 2015”.

7 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON FUNDS TO ESCALATE UNITED**
8 **STATES MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN SYRIA.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under sub-
10 section (b), no funds made available to the Central Intel-

1 ligence Agency, the Department of Defense, the National
2 Security Council, the National Security Agency, or any
3 other agency or entity of the United States involved in
4 intelligence activities may be obligated or expended for the
5 purpose of, or in a manner which would have the effect
6 of, supporting, directly or indirectly, military or para-
7 military operations in Syria by any nation, group, organi-
8 zation, movement, or individual.

9 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—

10 (1) NON-LETHAL HUMANITARIAN ASSIST-
11 ANCE.—The prohibition under subsection (a) does
12 not apply to funds obligated for non-lethal humani-
13 tarian assistance for the Syrian people provided di-
14 rectly by the United States Government, through
15 nongovernmental organizations and contractors, or
16 through foreign governments.

17 (2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING IN-
18 TELLIGENCE.—Nothing in this Act shall be con-
19 strued as a restriction on intelligence gathering or
20 counterintelligence efforts that are ongoing or that
21 the President determines necessary to support the
22 national security interests of the United States in
23 Syria.

24 (c) DURATION OF PROHIBITION.—The prohibition
25 under subsection (a) shall cease to apply only if a joint

1 resolution approving assistance for military or para-
2 military operations in Syria is enacted.

3 (d) QUARTERLY REPORTS.—Not later than 90 days
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 90
5 days thereafter, the Secretary of State shall submit to
6 Congress a report on assistance provided to groups, orga-
7 nizations, movements, and individuals in Syria.

8 (e) NON-LETHAL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE DE-
9 FINED.—In this Act, the term “non-lethal humanitarian
10 assistance” means humanitarian assistance that is not
11 weapons, ammunition, or other equipment or material that
12 is designed to inflict serious bodily harm or death.

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