



## Rep. Tom Emmer on We Must Keep Tools of Terror Out of the Hands of Iran

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### **\*\*REP. TOM EMMER:**

\*\* Good afternoon. This was our first week back in session after the election, and we passed some substantive policy reforms. Today, the House passed H.R. 5711, which will prohibit the Department of Treasury from authorizing any U.S. financial transactions that help facilitate the export of commercial passenger aircraft to Iran. In 1984, Iran was designated a State Sponsor of Terrorism by the U.S. State Department. Despite this designation, Iran continues to provide financial and military support to foreign terrorist organizations and was labeled as the foremost State Sponsor of Terrorism by the State Department in 2015. In 2011, the U.S. Treasury imposed sanctions on Iran following their use of commercial airplanes to transport missiles and rockets to Syria, another State Sponsor of Terror. However, following the administration's acceptance of the disastrous Iran deal, those sanctions were lifted, raising concerns that U.S. financial institutions will now be able to finance the purchase of commercial passenger planes by Iran, which could be used to facilitate future acts of terror. I'm proud to support H.R. 5711 in order to keep the tools of terror out of the hands of the world's leading sponsor of terrorism, and I'm glad we were able to pass this out of the house. Thanks for listening, and have a great day.

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