107TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. R. 3624

To prohibit assistance to the Palestinian Authority and any instrumentality of the Palestinian Authority.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 24, 2002

Mr. Cantor introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Peace With Security
- 5 Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.
- 7 Congress makes the following findings:
- 8 (1) Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser
- 9 Arafat continues to demonstrate his belief that he

- can achieve through violence what he was unable to achieve at the negotiating table.
 - (2) The manner in which Chairman Arafat has employed terrorism as a legitimate policy instrument suggests that his aims include not only the establishment of a Palestinian state but also the complete elimination of Israel as the home of the Jewish people.
 - (3) The Palestinian Authority embraces the policy of releasing terrorists shortly after they are jailed, a policy that has become known as Chairman Arafat's notorious revolving door system of justice.
 - (4) After rejecting former Israeli Prime Minister Barak's far-reaching proposal at Camp David, Chairman Arafat further undermined the essence of the Oslo process.
 - (5) The Palestinian Authority and its Chairman Yasser Arafat allow terrorist organizations to operate freely under its jurisdiction.
 - (6) Chairman Arafat has done little to prevent acts of terrorism, and his inaction has in fact led to escalation of violence and terrorism against innocent Israelis, including women and children.
- 24 (7) Chairman Arafat preaches hostile and odi-25 ous anti-Semitic propaganda against the State of

- Israel and refuses to stop terrorist attacks and inciteful rhetoric by organizations, individuals, and groups under his control.
 - (8) Chairman Arafat's Fatah group has claimed responsibility for numerous terrorist attacks on innocent Israeli civilians, including the November 29, 2001, bus bomb killing three people and wounding nine people.
 - (9) The leader of Chairman Arafat's Fatah faction justified the recent terrorist attacks, and threatened innocent Israelis by stating that Israeli policy against Palestinians in the territory is likely to bring about, in the final analysis, responses that Israeli people have not yet encountered.
 - (10) The Palestinian Authority was responsible for the voyage of the Karine A freighter, captured by Israel in the Red Sea on January 3, 2002, carrying 50 tons of weapons.
- 19 SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON ASSISTANCE FOR THE PALES-
- 20 TINIAN AUTHORITY AND ITS INSTRUMENTAL-
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- (a) Prohibition.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
- 23 sion of law, funds appropriated or otherwise made avail-
- 24 able to any Federal department or agency for a fiscal year
- 25 may not be used for any form of assistance directly or

- 1 indirectly to the Palestinian Authority or any instrumen-
- 2 tality of the Palestinian Authority.
- 3 (b) Waiver.—The President may waive the prohibi-
- 4 tion contained in subsection (a) for a fiscal year if the
- 5 President certifies in writing to Congress that such waiver
- 6 is in the national security interests of the United States.

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