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To prohibit the United States from funding projects that discriminate against Israeli organizations that operate beyond the 1949 armistice lines.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STOCKMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “Prohibiting Discrimi-
5 nation Against Israel Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds:

8 (1) In 1995, the Interim Agreement on the
9 West Bank and the Gaza Strip (commonly referred
10 to as the Oslo II Accord) formally divided Judea and

1 Samaria into three administrative divisions, with
2 Area C being under full Israeli civil and security
3 control; therefore, foreign countries should not dis-
4 criminate against Israeli organizations that operate
5 there.

6 (2) In 1995, the United States Congress passed
7 the Jerusalem Embassy Act (Public Law 104–45)
8 which formally recognized Jerusalem as the capital
9 of the State of Israel, and concluded that it should
10 remain an undivided city.

11 (3) The claim that Israeli settlements beyond
12 the 1949 armistice lines are an obstacle to peace has
13 been repeatedly disproven, and the 2005 expulsion
14 from Gaza and the 2010 freeze on natural growth
15 in the settlements harmed the peace process and led
16 to an increase in violence, not a decrease.

17 (4) Notwithstanding allegations to the contrary,
18 Israeli settlements in these territories do not in any
19 way violate Article 49 of the Fourth Geneva Conven-
20 tion; they are completely voluntary, and do not in-
21 volve “individual or mass forcible transfers” prohib-
22 ited by subpart (1) of Article 49.

23 (5) In 2009, the Kingdom of Spain refused to
24 allow a team from Ariel University Center of Sama-
25 ria (now known as Ariel University) to participate in

1 a solar energy competition funded by the United
2 States Department of Energy solely because the uni-
3 versity was located beyond Israel's 1949 armistice
4 line; at the same time, the Spanish government
5 funded projects from universities in other disputed
6 regions including Artsakh State University in
7 Nagorno-Karabakh and Eastern Mediterranean Uni-
8 versity in Northern Cyprus.

9 (6) In 2010, The Government Pension Fund of
10 Norway excluded several Israeli companies based
11 solely on the fact that they operate in Judea and Sa-
12 maria.

13 (7) In 2010, the European Court of Justice
14 issued a ruling in Brita GmbH v. Hauptzollamt
15 Hamburg-Hafen (Case C-386/08) prohibiting Israeli
16 products produced beyond the 1949 armistice line
17 from being labeled as "Made in Israel", which
18 caused them to be subject to higher tariffs.

19 (8) In 2010, the United Kingdom banned an
20 Israeli tourism advertisement because it included a
21 photograph of the Old City of Jerusalem, which is
22 located beyond the 1949 armistice line and was fully
23 annexed by Israel in 1980.

24 (9) In 2013, the European Union issued orders
25 forbidding its member states from cooperating,

1 transferring funds, or giving scholarships or re-
2 search grants to organizations beyond Israel's 1949
3 armistice line.

4 **SEC. 3. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION.**

5 It shall be the policy of the United States that no
6 funds authorized or appropriated by Federal law may be
7 expended for any international project that prohibits par-
8 ticipation of Israeli organizations that operate beyond the
9 1949 armistice line.

10 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

11 The provisions of this Act shall take effect imme-
12 diately following enactment.

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