115TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H.R. 1911

AN ACT

- To amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to monitor and combat anti-Semitism globally, and for other purposes.
 - 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
 - ${\it 2\ tives\ of\ the\ United\ States\ of\ America\ in\ Congress\ assembled},$

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2	This Act may be cited as the "Special Envoy to Mon-					
3	itor and Combat Anti-Semitism Act of 2018".					
4	SEC. 2. FINDING.					
5	Congress finds that since the Global Anti-Semitism					
6	Review Act of 2004 was enacted, in many foreign coun					
7	tries acts of anti-Semitism have been frequent and wid					
8	in scope, the perpetrators and variety of threats to Jewish					
9	communities and their institutions have proliferated, and					
10	in some countries anti-Semitic attacks have increased in					
11	frequency, scope, violence, and deadliness.					
12	SEC. 3. MONITORING AND COMBATING ANTI-SEMITISM.					
13	(a) In General.—Subsection (a) of section 59 of the					
14	State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22					
15	U.S.C. 2731) is amended—					
16	(1) in paragraph (2)—					
17	(A) in subparagraph (A)—					
18	(i) by inserting before the period at					
19	the end the following: ", who shall be ap-					
20	pointed by the President, by and with the					
21	advice and consent of the Senate"; and					
22	(ii) by adding at the end the following					
23	new sentence: "The Special Envoy shall re-					
24	port directly to the Secretary."; and					
25	(B) in subparagraph (B)—					

1	(i) in the heading, but striking "AP-					
2	POINTMENT" and inserting "Nomina-					
3	TION'';					
4	(ii) by striking the first sentence;					
5	(iii) in the second sentence, by strik-					
6	ing "If the Secretary determines that such					
7	is appropriate, the Secretary may appoint"					
8	and inserting "If the President determines					
9	that such is appropriate, the President					
10	may nominate"; and					
11	(iv) in the third sentence, by striking					
12	"The Secretary may allow such officer or					
13	employee to retain the position (and the					
14	responsibilities associated with such posi-					
15	tion) held by such officer or employee prior					
16	to the appointment" and inserting "Such					
17	officer or employee may not retain the po-					
18	sition (or the responsibilities associated					
19	with such position) held by such officer or					
20	employee prior to the nomination"; and					
21	(2) by adding at the end the following new					
22	paragraphs:					
23	"(3) Duties.—The Special Envoy shall serve					
24	as the primary advisor to, and coordinate efforts					
25	across, the United States Government relating to					

1	monitoring and combating anti-Semitism and anti-					
2	Semitic incitement that occur in foreign countries.					
3	"(4) Rank and status of ambassador.—					
4	The Special Envoy shall have the rank of ambas-					
5	sador.					
6	"(5) QUALIFICATIONS.—The Special Envoy					
7	should be a person of recognized distinction in the					
8	field of—					
9	"(A) combating anti-Semitism;					
10	"(B) religious freedom; or					
11	"(C) law enforcement.".					
12	(b) Nomination.—Not later than 90 days after the					
13	date of the enactment of this Act, and not later than 120					
14	after any such position becomes vacant, the President					
15	shall nominate the Special Envoy for Monitoring and					
16	Combating anti-Semitism under section 59 of the State					
17	Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956, as amended					
18	by subsection (a) of this section.					
	Passed the House of Representatives September 13,					
	2018.					

Attest:

Clerk.

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