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To establish in the Department of State the Office to Monitor and Combat Islamophobia, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 21, 2021

Ms. OMAR (for herself, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. CARSON, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. RUSH, Ms. BASS, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. DINGELL, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Ms. JACOBS of California, Ms. NEWMAN, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. SIRES, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. DEAN, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. CORREA, Mr. POCAN, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. JONES, Mr. BOWMAN, Mr. PHILLIPS, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. PRESSLEY, and Mr. PASCRELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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Additional sponsors: Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. EVANS, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. TRONE, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. CHU, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. MALINOWSKI, Ms. WILD, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. LIEU, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. DEGETTE, and Mr. NEGUSE

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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 “Combating Inter-
 5 national Islamophobia Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE**
 7 **TO MONITOR AND COMBAT ISLAMOPHOBIA.**

8 Title 1 of the State Department Basic Authorities
 9 Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a et seq.) is amended by add-
 10 ing at the end the following new section:

11 **“SEC. 64. MONITORING AND COMBATING ISLAMOPHOBIA.**

12 “(a) OFFICE TO MONITOR AND COMBAT
 13 ISLAMOPHOBIA.—

14 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of State
 15 shall establish within the Department of State an
 16 Office to Monitor and Combat Islamophobia (in this
 17 section referred to as the ‘Office’).

18 “(2) HEAD OF OFFICE.—

19 “(A) SPECIAL ENVOY FOR MONITORING
 20 AND COMBATING ISLAMOPHOBIA.—The head of
 21 the Office shall be the Special Envoy for Moni-
 22 toring and Combating Islamophobia (in this
 23 section referred to as the ‘Special Envoy’).

24 “(B) APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL ENVOY.—

25 The Secretary of State *President, by and with*

1 *the advice and consent of the Senate*, shall ap-
2 point the Special Envoy. If the ~~Secretary~~ *Presi-*
3 *dent* determines that such is appropriate, the
4 ~~Secretary~~ *President* may appoint the Special
5 Envoy from among officers and employees of
6 the Department of State. The Secretary *of*
7 *State* may allow such officer or employee to re-
8 tain the position (and the responsibilities associ-
9 ated with such position) held by such officer or
10 employee prior to such appointment.

11 “(b) PURPOSE OF OFFICE.—Upon establishment, the
12 Office shall assume primary responsibility for the fol-
13 lowing:

14 “(1) Monitoring and combating acts of
15 Islamophobia and Islamophobic incitement that
16 occur in foreign countries.

17 “(2) Coordinating and assisting in the prepara-
18 tion of that portion of the reports required by para-
19 graph (9) of section 116(d) and subsection (k) of
20 section 502B of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961
21 (22 U.S.C. 2151n(d) and 2304) relating to an as-
22 sessment and description of the nature and extent of
23 acts of Islamophobia and Islamophobic incitement.

24 “(3) Coordinating and assisting in the prepara-
25 tion of that portion of the report required by clause

1 (viii) of section 102(b)(1)(A) of the International
2 Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C.
3 6412(b)(1)(A)) relating to an assessment and de-
4 scription of the nature and extent of acts of
5 Islamophobia and Islamophobic incitement.

6 “(c) CONSULTATIONS.—The Special Envoy shall con-
7 sult with domestic and international nongovernmental or-
8 ganizations and multilateral organizations and institu-
9 tions, as the Special Envoy considers appropriate, to carry
10 out this section.”.

11 **SEC. 3. INCLUSION IN DEPARTMENT OF STATE ANNUAL RE-**
12 **PORTS OF INFORMATION CONCERNING ACTS**
13 **OF ISLAMOPHOBIA IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.**

14 (a) INCLUSION IN ANNUAL COUNTRY REPORTS ON
15 HUMAN RIGHTS PRACTICES.—The Foreign Assistance
16 Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.) is amended—

17 (1) in section 116(d) (22 U.S.C. 2151n(d))—

18 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (9), (10),
19 (11), and (12), as paragraphs (10), (11), (12),
20 and (13), respectively; and

21 (B) by inserting after paragraph (8) the
22 following new paragraph:

23 “(9) wherever applicable, a description of the
24 nature and extent of acts of Islamophobia and

1 Islamophobic incitement that occur during the pre-
2 ceding year, including descriptions of—

3 “(A) acts of physical violence against, or
4 harassment of, Muslim people, and acts of vio-
5 lence against, or vandalism of, Muslim commu-
6 nity institutions, including schools, mosques,
7 and cemeteries;

8 “(B) instances of propaganda in govern-
9 ment and nongovernment media that attempt to
10 justify or promote racial hatred or incite acts of
11 violence against Muslim people;

12 “(C) the actions, if any, taken by the gov-
13 ernment of the country to respond to such vio-
14 lence and attacks or to eliminate such propa-
15 ganda or incitement;

16 “(D) the actions taken by such government
17 to enact and enforce laws relating to the protec-
18 tion of the right to religious freedom of Muslim
19 people; ~~and~~;

20 “(E) the efforts of such government to
21 promote anti-bias and tolerance education; *and*

22 “(F) *any instances of forced labor, reeduca-*
23 *tion, or the presence of concentration camps,*
24 *such as those targeting the Uyghurs in the*

1 *Xinjiang Province of the People’s Republic of*
2 *China;*” and

3 (2) in section 502B (22 U.S.C. 2304), by—

4 (A) redesignating the second subsection (i)
5 (relating to child marriage status) as subsection
6 (j); and

7 (B) by adding at the end the following new
8 subsection:

9 “(k) INFORMATION CONCERNING ACTS OF
10 ISLAMOPHOBIA IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.—The report re-
11 quired by subsection (b) shall include, wherever applicable,
12 a description of the nature and extent of acts of
13 Islamophobia and Islamophobic incitement that occur dur-
14 ing the preceding year, including descriptions of—

15 “(1) acts of physical violence against, or harass-
16 ment of, Muslim people, and acts of violence against,
17 or vandalism of, Muslim community institutions, in-
18 cluding schools, mosques, and cemeteries;

19 “(2) instances of propaganda in government
20 and nongovernment media that attempt to justify or
21 promote racial hatred or incite acts of violence
22 against Muslim people;

23 “(3) the actions, if any, taken by the govern-
24 ment of the country to respond to such violence and

1 attacks or to eliminate such propaganda or incite-
2 ment;

3 “(4) the actions taken by such government to
4 enact and enforce laws relating to the protection of
5 the right to religious freedom of Muslim people; ~~and~~;

6 “(5) the efforts of such government to promote
7 anti-bias and tolerance education; *and*

8 “(6) *any instances of forced labor, reeducation,*
9 *or the presence of concentration camps, such as those*
10 *targeting the Uyghurs in the Xinjiang Province of the*
11 *People’s Republic of China.”*

12 (b) INCLUSION IN ANNUAL REPORT ON INTER-
13 NATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.—Section 102(b)(1)(A)
14 of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22
15 U.S.C. 6412(b)(1)(A)) is amended—

16 (1) in clause (vi), by striking “and” at the end;

17 (2) in clause (vii)(II), by striking the period at
18 the end and inserting “; and”; and

19 (3) by adding at the end the following new
20 clause:

21 “(viii) wherever applicable, an assess-
22 ment and description of the nature and ex-
23 tent of acts of Islamophobia and
24 Islamophobic incitement that occur in that

1 country during the preceding the year, in-
2 cluding—

3 “(I) acts of physical violence
4 against, or harassment of, Muslim
5 people, acts of violence against, or
6 vandalism of, Muslim community in-
7 stitutions, instances of propaganda in
8 government and nongovernment media
9 that incite such acts, and statements
10 and actions relating thereto; ~~and~~;

11 “(II) the actions taken by the
12 government of that country to re-
13 spond to such violence and attacks or
14 to eliminate such propaganda or in-
15 citement, to enact and enforce laws
16 relating to the protection of the right
17 to religious freedom of Muslims, and
18 to promote anti-bias and tolerance
19 education; *and*

20 “(III) *any instances of forced*
21 *labor, reeducation, or the presence of*
22 *concentration camps, such as those tar-*
23 *geting the Uyghurs in the Xinjiang*
24 *Province of the People’s Republic of*
25 *China.”.*

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE OF INCLUSIONS.—The amend-
2 ments made by subsections (a) and (b) shall apply begin-
3 ning with the first reports required under sections 116(d)
4 and 502B of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22
5 U.S.C. 2151n and 2304) and section 102(b)(1)(A) of the
6 International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C.
7 6312(b)(1)(A)) that are submitted after the date that is
8 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

9 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITION.**

10 *No funds made available pursuant to this Act or an*
11 *amendment made by this Act may be used to promote or*
12 *endorse a Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) movement*
13 *ideology or used to promote or endorse a Muslim ban, such*
14 *as the one instituted by former President Trump.*

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