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To establish the Commission to Study Acts of Antisemitism in the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS (for herself, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, and Ms. SALAZAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To establish the Commission to Study Acts of Antisemitism in the United States.

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 “Commission to Study
5 Acts of Antisemitism in the United States Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Since Hamas deadly invasion of the nation
9 of Israel on October 7, 2023, there has been a dis-
10 turbing rise of antisemitism in the United States.

1 (2) On April 12, 2024, a California protester
2 was arrested for threatening death upon members of
3 Bakersfield City Council.

4 (3) The Anti-Defamation League reported
5 9,354 antisemitic incidents in 2024 alone, the high-
6 est number recorded in the organization’s history.

7 (4) College and university campuses have expe-
8 rienced an 84 percent increase in antisemitic inci-
9 dents compared to 2023.

10 (5) Assaults have increased 21 percent to 196
11 incidents and vandalism has increased 20 percent to
12 2,606 incidents since 2023.

13 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT.**

14 There is established in the legislative branch a com-
15 mission to be known as the “Commission to Study Acts
16 of Antisemitism in the United States” (in this Act referred
17 to as the “Commission”).

18 **SEC. 4. DUTIES OF COMMISSION.**

19 Without making any predetermined or political find-
20 ings, the Commission shall—

21 (1) investigate the facts and causes of anti-
22 semitism in the present day;

23 (2) examine and evaluate evidence developed by
24 relevant Federal, State, and local governments re-
25 garding the facts and circumstances of antisemitic

1 attacks within the United States, except that such
2 examination and evaluation shall not interfere with
3 ongoing law enforcement activities and investiga-
4 tions; and

5 (3) report to the President and Congress re-
6 garding its findings, conclusions, and recommenda-
7 tions for legislation or administrative actions as the
8 Commission considers appropriate.

9 **SEC. 5. MEMBERSHIP.**

10 (a) MEMBERS.—

11 (1) NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.—The Com-
12 mission shall be composed of 8 members appointed
13 as follows:

14 (A) 2 members appointed by the Speaker
15 of the House of Representatives.

16 (B) 2 members appointed by the minority
17 leader of the House of Representatives.

18 (C) 2 members appointed by the majority
19 leader of the Senate.

20 (D) 2 members appointed by the minority
21 leader of the Senate.

22 (2) CHAIRPERSON; VICE CHAIRPERSON.—The
23 Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Commis-
24 sion shall be designated jointly by the Speaker of the
25 House of Representatives and the minority leader of

1 the House of Representatives at the time of the ap-
2 pointment.

3 (3) POLITICAL AFFILIATION.—Not more than 4
4 members appointed under paragraph (1) may be of
5 the same political party.

6 (4) TIMING FOR APPOINTMENT.—All members
7 of the Commission shall be appointed not later than
8 10 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

9 (b) TERMS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each member shall be ap-
11 pointed for the life of the Commission.

12 (2) VACANCIES.—A vacancy in the Commission
13 shall be filled in the manner in which the original
14 appointment was made.

15 (c) BASIC PAY.—

16 (1) COMPENSATION.—Except as provided in
17 paragraph (2), members shall each be paid at a rate
18 not to exceed the daily equivalent of the annual rate
19 of basic pay for level III of the Executive Schedule
20 for each day (including travel time) during which
21 they are engaged in the actual performance of duties
22 vested in the Commission.

23 (2) PROHIBITION OF COMPENSATION OF FED-
24 ERAL EMPLOYEES.—Members of the Commission
25 who are full-time officers or employees of the United

1 States or Members of Congress may not receive ad-
2 ditional pay, allowances, or benefits by reason of
3 their service on the Commission.

4 (3) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Each member shall
5 receive travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of
6 subsistence, in accordance with applicable provisions
7 under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United
8 States Code.

9 (d) QUORUM.—6 members of the Commission shall
10 constitute a quorum but a lesser number may hold hear-
11 ings.

12 (e) MEETINGS.—As soon as practicable after all
13 members are appointed, but not earlier than 15 days after
14 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall
15 meet and begin the initial operation of the Commission.
16 The Commission shall meet monthly thereafter.

17 **SEC. 6. EXPERTS; STAFF OF FEDERAL AGENCIES.**

18 (a) EXPERTS.—The Commission may procure tem-
19 porary and intermittent services under section 3109(b) of
20 title 5, United States Code, but at rates for individuals
21 not to exceed the daily equivalent of the annual rate of
22 basic pay for GS–15 of the General Schedule. The services
23 of an expert or consultant may be procured without com-
24 pensation if the expert or consultant agrees to such an
25 arrangement, in writing, in advance.

1 (b) STAFF OF FEDERAL AGENCIES.—Upon request
2 of the Commission, the head of any Federal department
3 or agency may detail, on a reimbursable basis, any of the
4 personnel of that department or agency to the Commission
5 to assist it in carrying out its duties under this Act.

6 **SEC. 7. POWERS OF COMMISSION.**

7 (a) HEARINGS AND SESSIONS.—The Commission
8 may, for the purpose of carrying out this Act, hold hear-
9 ings, sit and act at times and places, take testimony, and
10 receive evidence as the Commission considers appropriate.
11 The Commission may administer oaths or affirmations to
12 witnesses appearing before it.

13 (b) POWERS OF MEMBERS AND AGENTS.—Any mem-
14 ber or agent of the Commission may, if authorized by the
15 Commission, take any action which the Commission is au-
16 thorized to take by this section.

17 (c) OBTAINING OFFICIAL DATA.—The Commission
18 may secure directly from any department or agency of the
19 United States information necessary to enable it to carry
20 out this Act. Upon joint request of the Chairperson and
21 Vice Chairperson of the Commission, the head of that de-
22 partment or agency shall furnish that information to the
23 Commission.

24 (d) SUBPOENA POWER.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission may issue
2 subpoenas requiring the attendance and testimony of
3 witnesses and the production of any evidence relat-
4 ing to any matter which the Commission is empow-
5 ered to investigate under this Act. Such subpoenas
6 shall be issued by agreement between the Chair-
7 person and Vice Chairperson of the Commission, or
8 by the vote of a majority of the members of the
9 Commission. The attendance of witnesses and the
10 production of evidence may be required from any
11 place within the United States at any designated
12 place of hearing within the United States.

13 (2) FAILURE TO OBEY A SUBPOENA.—If a per-
14 son refuses to obey a subpoena issued under para-
15 graph (1), the Commission may apply to a United
16 States district court for an order requiring that per-
17 son to appear before the Commission to give testi-
18 mony, produce evidence, or both, relating to the
19 matter under investigation. The application may be
20 made within the judicial district where the hearing
21 is conducted or where that person is found, resides,
22 or transacts business. Any failure to obey the order
23 of the court may be punished by the court as civil
24 contempt.

1 (3) SERVICE OF SUBPOENAS.—The subpoenas
2 of the Commission shall be served in the manner
3 provided for subpoenas issued by a United States
4 district court under the Federal Rules of Civil Pro-
5 cedure for the United States district courts.

6 (4) SERVICE OF PROCESS.—All process of any
7 court to which application is made under paragraph
8 (2) may be served in the judicial district in which
9 the person required to be served resides or may be
10 found.

11 (e) IMMUNITY.—Except as provided in this sub-
12 section, a person may not be excused from testifying or
13 from producing evidence pursuant to a subpoena on the
14 ground that the testimony or evidence required by the sub-
15 poena may tend to incriminate or subject that person to
16 criminal prosecution. A person, after having claimed the
17 privilege against self-incrimination, may not be criminally
18 prosecuted by reason of any transaction, matter, or thing
19 which that person is compelled to testify about or produce
20 evidence relating to, except that the person may be pros-
21 ecuted for perjury committed during the testimony or
22 made in the evidence.

23 (f) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—To the extent or in the
24 amounts provided in advance in appropriation Acts, the

1 Commission may enter into contracts to enable the Com-
2 mission to discharge its duties under this Act.

3 **SEC. 8. REPORT; TERMINATION.**

4 (a) REPORT.—The Commission shall transmit a re-
5 port to the President and Congress not later than 1 year
6 after the date of enactment of this Act. The report shall
7 contain a detailed statement of the findings and conclu-
8 sions of the Commission, together with its recommenda-
9 tions for legislation or administrative actions as the Com-
10 mission considers appropriate.

11 (b) TERMINATION.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall termi-
13 nate upon the expiration of the 120-day period
14 which begins on the date on which the Commission
15 submits the report under subsection (a).

16 (2) ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES BEFORE TER-
17 MINATION.—The Commission may use the 120-day
18 period referred to in paragraph (1) for the purpose
19 of concluding the activities of the Commission, in-
20 cluding disseminating the report submitted under
21 subsection (a) and providing testimony to commit-
22 tees of Congress concerning such report.

23 **SEC. 9. DEFINITION.**

24 In this Act, the term “antisemitism” means a certain
25 perception of Jews, which may be expressed—

- 1 (1) as hatred toward Jews; and
- 2 (2) by rhetorical and physical manifestations di-
- 3 rected toward—
- 4 (A) Jewish or non-Jewish individuals;
- 5 (B) the property of the individuals de-
- 6 scribed under subparagraph (A);
- 7 (C) Jewish community institutions; or
- 8 (D) Jewish religious facilities.

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