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> To amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to monitor and combat anti-Semitism globally, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. ZELDIN, Mrs. LOWEY, and Ms. GRANGER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

- 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-
 - 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Special Envoy to Mon-
- 5 itor and Combat Anti-Semitism Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. FINDING.
- Congress finds that since the Global Anti-Semitism
 Review Act of 2004 was enacted, in many foreign countries acts of anti-Semitism have been frequent and wide

1	in scope, the perpetrators and variety of threats to Jewish
2	communities and their institutions have proliferated, and
3	in some countries anti-Semitic attacks have increased in
4	frequency, scope, violence, and deadliness.
5	SEC. 3. MONITORING AND COMBATING ANTI-SEMITISM.
6	(a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 59 of the
7	State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22
8	U.S.C. 2731) is amended—
9	(1) in paragraph (2) —
10	(A) in subparagraph (A)—
11	(i) by inserting before the period at
12	the end the following: ", who shall be ap-
13	pointed by the President, by and with the
14	advice and consent of the Senate"; and
15	(ii) by adding at the end the following
16	new sentence: "The Special Envoy shall re-
17	port directly to the Secretary."; and
18	(B) in subparagraph (B)—
19	(i) in the heading, by striking "AP-
20	POINTMENT" and inserting "Nomina-
21	TION";
22	(ii) by striking the first sentence;
23	(iii) in the second sentence, by strik-
24	ing "If the Secretary determines that such
25	is appropriate, the Secretary may appoint"

1	and inserting "If the President determines
2	that such is appropriate, the President
3	may nominate"; and
4	(iv) in the third sentence, by striking
5	"The Secretary may allow such officer or
6	employee to retain the position (and the
7	responsibilities associated with such posi-
8	tion) held by such officer or employee prior
9	to the appointment" and inserting "Such
10	officer or employee may not retain the po-
11	sition (or the responsibilities associated
12	with such position) held by such officer or
13	employee prior to the nomination"; and
14	(2) by adding at the end the following new
15	paragraphs:
16	"(3) DUTIES.—The Special Envoy shall serve
17	as the primary advisor to, and coordinate efforts
18	across, the United States Government relating to
19	monitoring and combating anti-Semitism and anti-
20	Semitic incitement that occur in foreign countries.
21	"(4) RANK AND STATUS OF AMBASSADOR.—
22	The Special Envoy shall have the rank of ambas-
23	sador.

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"(5) QUALIFICATIONS.—The Special Envoy
 should be a person of recognized distinction in the
 field of—

4 "(A) combating anti-Semitism;
5 "(B) religious freedom; or

6 "(C) law enforcement.".

7 (b) NOMINATION.—Not later than 90 days after the 8 date of the enactment of this Act, and not later than 120 9 after any such position becomes vacant, the President 10 shall nominate the Special Envoy for Monitoring and 11 Combating anti-Semitism under section 59 of the State 12 Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956, as amended 13 by subsection (a) of this section.

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