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H. R. 1130

To authorize further assistance to Israel for the Iron Dome anti-missile defense system.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. DAVIS of California (for herself, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. ISRAEL, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. DEUTCH, Ms. MENG, Mr. KILMER, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. ROSKAM, Mr. WAXMAN, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. PETERS of Michigan, Mr. GRIMM, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. TONKO, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. PIERLUISI, Mr. LAMBORN, Ms. HANABUSA, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. LATTA, Mr. COLLINS of New York, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. MULVANEY, Mr. KLINE, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. CICILLINE, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. OLSON, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. YODER, Mr. HOLT, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. BRIDENSTINE, Mr. KEATING, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. BARBER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. LANCE, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Mr. SMITH of Washington, and Mr. PETERS of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To authorize further assistance to Israel for the Iron Dome anti-missile defense system.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Iron Dome Support
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) The State of Israel remains under grave
7 threat and frequent attack from missiles, rockets,
8 and mortar shells fired at Israeli civilian targets by
9 militants from the Foreign Terrorist Organization
10 Hamas on its southern border and by the Foreign
11 Terrorist Organization Hezbollah on its northern
12 border, which have killed, wounded, or inflicted psy-
13 chological trauma on countless Israelis.

14 (2) The United States remains committed to
15 Israel’s qualitative military edge, including its ad-
16 vantage over non-state actors such as Hezbollah and
17 Hamas, which boast increasingly sophisticated and
18 powerful weapons as a result of support from Iran,
19 Syria, and other state actors.

20 (3) The Israeli Defense Forces report that the
21 Iron Dome anti-missile defense system has achieved
22 a success rate of more than 85 percent, intercepting
23 rockets bound for residential neighborhoods, busy
24 road junctions, shopping centers, and crowded
25 streets in southern Israel.

1 (4) The recent success of the Iron Dome anti-
2 missile defense system during Operation Pillar of
3 Defense averted massive Israeli casualties, thereby
4 eliminating Israel's need to conduct a ground-based
5 attack against Gaza-based terrorists, enhancing
6 Israel's operational flexibility, and preventing terror-
7 ists from plunging the region into crisis whenever
8 they choose.

9 (5) The United States can help to advance its
10 own vital national security interests and the cause of
11 Middle Eastern peace and stability by supporting
12 Israel's ability to defend itself against missiles, rock-
13 ets, and other threats.

14 (6) Israel has indicated that it is ready to share
15 the technology of the Iron Dome anti-missile defense
16 system with the United States for the United States
17 use to strengthen the United States defense capabili-
18 ties.

19 (7) The Government of Israel currently has five
20 operational Iron Dome batteries deployed in the
21 field, which are far from sufficient to protect all of
22 Israel's territory.

1 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL FOR**
2 **IRON DOME ANTI-MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM.**

3 The President, acting through the Secretary of De-
4 fense and the Secretary of State, is authorized to provide
5 assistance, upon request by the Government of Israel, for
6 the procurement, maintenance, enhancement, and
7 sustainment of the Iron Dome defense system for purposes
8 of intercepting short-range and medium-range rockets,
9 missiles, and projectiles launched against Israel.

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