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To enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CARDIN, and Ms. COLLINS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

To enhance the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel.

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 “United States-Israel
5 Strategic Partnership Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) The people and the Governments of the
9 United States and Israel share a deep and unbreak-

1 able bond, forged by over 60 years of shared inter-
2 ests and shared values.

3 (2) Today, the people and Governments of the
4 United States and Israel are facing a dynamic and
5 rapidly changing security environment in the Middle
6 East and North Africa, necessitating deeper co-
7 operation on a range of defense, security, and intel-
8 ligence matters.

9 (3) From Gaza, Hamas continues to deny
10 Israel's right to exist and persists in firing rockets
11 indiscriminately at population centers in Israel.

12 (4) Hezbollah—with support from Iran—con-
13 tinues to stockpile rockets and may be seeking to ex-
14 ploit the tragic and volatile security situation within
15 Syria.

16 (5) The Government of Iran continues to pose
17 a grave threat to the region and the world at large
18 with its reckless uranium enrichment program and
19 defiance of multiple United Nations Security Council
20 resolutions.

21 (6) The civil war in Syria is threatening the se-
22 curity of Syria's chemical weapons arsenal, which
23 could be deployed against its own people or fall into
24 the hands of terrorists.

1 (7) Given these challenges, it is imperative that
2 the United States continue to deepen cooperation
3 with allies like Israel in pursuit of shared policy ob-
4 jectives.

5 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

6 It is the policy of the United States—

7 (1) to reaffirm the unwavering support of the
8 United States for the security of Israel as a Jewish
9 state;

10 (2) to reaffirm the principals and objectives en-
11 shrined in the United States-Israel Enhanced Secu-
12 rity Cooperation Act of 2012 (Public Law 112–150)
13 and ensure its implementation to the fullest extent;

14 (3) to reaffirm the importance of the 2007
15 United States-Israel Memorandum of Understanding
16 on United States assistance to Israel and the semi-
17 annual Strategic Dialogue between the United
18 States and Israel;

19 (4) to pursue every opportunity to deepen co-
20 operation with Israel on a range of critical issues in-
21 cluding defense, homeland, energy, and cyber secu-
22 rity;

23 (5) to continue to provide Israel with robust se-
24 curity assistance, including for the development, pro-

1 curement, and maintenance of the Iron Dome Mis-
2 sile Defense System; and

3 (6) to support the Government of Israel in its
4 ongoing efforts to reach a negotiated political settle-
5 ment with the Palestinian people that results in two
6 states living side-by-side in peace and security.

7 **SEC. 4. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON ISRAEL AS A MAJOR STRA-**
8 **TEGIC PARTNER.**

9 It is the sense of Congress that Israel is a Major
10 Strategic Partner.

11 **SEC. 5. EXTENSION OF WAR RESERVES STOCKPILE AU-**
12 **THORITY.**

13 (a) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS
14 ACT, 2005.—Section 12001(d) of the Department of De-
15 fense Appropriations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108–287;
16 118 Stat. 1011) is amended by striking “more than 10
17 years after” and inserting “more than 11 years after”.

18 (b) FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961.—Section
19 514(b)(2)(A) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22
20 U.S.C. 2321h(b)(2)(A)) is amended by striking “and
21 2014” and inserting “, 2014, and 2015”.

1 **SEC. 6. ELIGIBILITY OF ISRAEL FOR THE STRATEGIC**
2 **TRADE AUTHORIZATION EXCEPTION TO CER-**
3 **TAIN EXPORT CONTROL LICENSING RE-**
4 **QUIREMENTS.**

5 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that Israel—

6 (1) has declared its unilateral adherence to the
7 Missile Technology Control Regime and the
8 Wassenaar Arrangement on Export Controls for
9 Conventional Arms and Dual-Use Goods and Tech-
10 nologies;

11 (2) is a party to—

12 (A) the Convention on Prohibitions or Re-
13 strictions on the Use of Certain Conventional
14 Weapons which may be Deemed to be Exces-
15 sively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Ef-
16 fects, signed at Geneva October 10, 1980;

17 (B) the Protocol for the Prohibition of the
18 Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or
19 Other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of
20 Warfare, signed at Geneva June 17, 1925; and

21 (C) the Convention on the Physical Protec-
22 tion of Nuclear Material, adopted at Vienna on
23 October 26, 1979; and

24 (3) is a country with a low risk of diversion of
25 items subject to export controls.

1 (b) ELIGIBILITY FOR STRATEGIC TRADE AUTHOR-
2 IZATION EXCEPTION.—The Secretary of Commerce shall
3 take steps to include Israel in the list of countries eligible
4 for the strategic trade authorization exception under sec-
5 tion 740.20(c)(1) of title 15, Code of Federal Regulations,
6 to the requirement for a license for the export, reexport,
7 or in-country transfer of an item subject to controls under
8 the Export Administration Regulations, consistent with
9 the obligations of the United States pursuant to inter-
10 national agreements.

11 **SEC. 7. ENERGY, WATER, HOMELAND SECURITY, AGRI-
12 CULTURE, AND ALTERNATIVE FUEL TECH-
13 NOLOGIES.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President is authorized to
15 carry out United States-Israel cooperative activities and
16 to provide assistance promoting cooperation in the fields
17 of energy, water, homeland security, agriculture, and al-
18 ternative fuel technologies.

19 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out subsection (a),
20 the President is authorized to share and exchange with
21 Israel research, technology, intelligence, information,
22 equipment, and personnel that the President determines
23 will advance the national security interests of the United
24 States and is consistent with the Strategic Dialogue and
25 pertinent provisions of law—

1 (1) by enhancing scientific cooperation between
2 Israel and the United States; or

3 (2) by the sale, lease, exchange in kind, or
4 other techniques the President determines to be suit-
5 able.

6 **SEC. 8. REPORT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF UNITED STATES-**
7 **ISRAEL CENTER OF EXCELLENCE ON CYBER**
8 **SECURITY.**

9 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
10 ment of this Act, the President shall submit to Congress
11 a report on the feasibility and advisability of establishing
12 a joint United States-Israel Cyber Security Center for the
13 purposes of sharing and advancing technologies related to
14 the prevention of cybercrimes.

15 **SEC. 9. DESIGNATION OF ISRAEL AS VISA WAIVER PRO-**
16 **GRAM COUNTRY.**

17 Section 217(c)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality
18 Act (8 U.S.C. 1187(c)(2)) is amended—

19 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
20 by inserting “subparagraph (G) and” after “Except
21 as provided in”; and

22 (2) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(G) ISRAEL.—The State of Israel shall be
24 designated as a program country on the date on
25 which the Secretary of Homeland Security,

1 after consultation with the Secretary of State,
2 certifies that the Government of Israel—

3 “(i) has complied with all of the re-
4 quirements set forth in subparagraphs (B)
5 through (F); and

6 “(ii) has made every reasonable effort,
7 without jeopardizing the security of the
8 State of Israel, to ensure that reciprocal
9 travel privileges are extended to all United
10 States citizens.”.

11 **SEC. 10. REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 4 OF**
12 **THE UNITED STATES-ISRAEL ENHANCED SE-**
13 **CURITY COOPERATION ACT OF 2012.**

14 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
15 ment of this Act, the President shall submit to the Com-
16 mittee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, the Committee
17 on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, and
18 the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the
19 House of Representatives a comprehensive report on cur-
20 rent and future efforts undertaken by the President to ful-
21 fill the objectives of section 4 of the United States-Israel
22 Enhanced Security Cooperation Act (22 U.S.C. 8603).

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