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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 2, 2015

Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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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 “United States-Israel
5 Trade Enhancement Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONSIDERATION OF TRADE WITH ISRAEL AMONG**
2 **PRINCIPAL TRADE NEGOTIATING OBJEC-**
3 **TIVES OF THE UNITED STATES FOR TRADE**
4 **AGREEMENTS REGARDING COMMERCIAL**
5 **PARTNERSHIPS.**

6 (a) **COMMERCIAL PARTNERSHIPS.**—Among the prin-
7 cipal trade negotiating objectives of the United States for
8 trade agreements regarding commercial partnerships are
9 the following:

10 (1) To discourage actions that directly or indi-
11 rectly prejudice or otherwise discourage commercial
12 activity solely between the United States and Israel.

13 (2) To discourage politically motivated actions
14 by foreign countries, non-member states of the
15 United Nations, international organizations, and af-
16 filiated agencies of international organizations, that
17 are intended to penalize or otherwise limit commer-
18 cial relations specifically with—

19 (A) Israel;

20 (B) persons doing business in Israel or in
21 territories controlled by Israel; or

22 (C) successor entities to persons described
23 in subparagraph (B).

24 (3) To seek the elimination of politically moti-
25 vated nontariff barriers on goods, services, or other
26 commerce from Israel.

1 (4) To seek the elimination of any boycott fos-
2 tered or imposed by a foreign country against Israel.

3 (5) To discourage compliance with the boycott
4 of Israel by the Arab League.

5 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section applies with re-
6 spect to any negotiation for a trade agreement commenced
7 before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

8 (c) PERSON DEFINED.—In this section:

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The term “person” means
10 an individual or entity, including a governmental en-
11 tity operating as a business enterprise.

12 (2) APPLICATION TO GOVERNMENTAL ENTI-
13 TIES.—The term “person” does not include a gov-
14 ernment or governmental entity that is not operating
15 as a business enterprise.

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