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To establish an inter-parliamentary dialogue to facilitate closer cooperation between the United States, Japan, and the Republic of Korea on shared interests and values.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BERA (for himself, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, and Mr. SMITH of Nebraska) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## A BILL

To establish an inter-parliamentary dialogue to facilitate closer cooperation between the United States, Japan, and the Republic of Korea on shared interests and values.

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 “US-Japan-ROK Tri-  
5       lateral Cooperation Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7       It is the sense of Congress that—

1           (1) the United States should continue to  
2           strengthen trilateral cooperation between the United  
3           States, Japan, and the Republic of Korea (in this  
4           Act referred to as the “ROK”) to enhance and im-  
5           plement a shared vision to meet regional challenges  
6           and to promote a free, open, inclusive, resilient, and  
7           healthy Indo-Pacific region;

8           (2) the historic Camp David summit on August  
9           18, 2023, marked a new era of trilateral partnership  
10          between the United States, Japan, and the ROK, re-  
11          affirming their commitment to align collective efforts  
12          for regional security and prosperity;

13          (3) the Spirit of Camp David, as outlined in the  
14          joint statement, should guide future trilateral co-  
15          operation, emphasizing shared values, strategic  
16          alignment, and commitment to regional peace and  
17          stability;

18          (4) the United States, Japan, and the ROK  
19          should enhance Trilateral Maritime Security Co-  
20          operation to promote stability and freedom of navi-  
21          gation in the Indo-Pacific region;

22          (5) the United States, Japan, and the ROK  
23          should collaborate on countering foreign information  
24          manipulation and interference to protect democratic

1 institutions and promote accurate information shar-  
2 ing;

3 (6) President Biden’s decision to elevate the  
4 US-Japan-ROK trilateral partnership to the leaders  
5 level was critical to bolstering cooperation, and all  
6 three countries should work to ensure that the Tri-  
7 lateral Leaders’ Summit continues to take place reg-  
8 ularly;

9 (7) the ambitious framework for ongoing co-  
10 operation laid out by the three leaders at the historic  
11 Camp David summit on August 18, 2023, should  
12 continue and be strengthened; and

13 (8) the formation of a regular US-Japan-ROK  
14 Inter-Parliamentary Dialogue will—

15 (A) sustain and deepen engagement be-  
16 tween senior officials of the three countries on  
17 a full spectrum of issues; and

18 (B) be modeled on the successful and long-  
19 standing bilateral inter-parliamentary groups  
20 between the United States and other allied na-  
21 tions.

22 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF US-JAPAN-ROK INTER-PAR-**  
23 **LIAMENTARY DIALOGUE.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
25 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,

1 in consultation with Congress, shall seek to enter into ne-  
2 gotiations with the Governments of Japan and the ROK  
3 with the goal of reaching a written agreement to establish  
4 a US-Japan-ROK Inter-Parliamentary Dialogue to facili-  
5 tate closer cooperation on shared interests and values.

6 (b) UNITED STATES GROUP.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—At such time as the govern-  
8 ments of the United States, Japan, and ROK enter  
9 into a written agreement described in subsection (a)  
10 to establish a US-Japan-ROK Inter-Parliamentary  
11 Dialogue, there shall be established a United States  
12 Group, which shall represent the United States at  
13 the US-Japan-ROK Inter-Parliamentary Dialogue.

14 (2) MEMBERSHIP.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—The United States  
16 Group shall be comprised of not more than 8  
17 Members of Congress.

18 (B) APPOINTMENT.—Of the Members of  
19 Congress appointed to the United States Group  
20 under subparagraph (A)—

21 (i) two shall be appointed by the  
22 Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
23 from among Members of the House, not  
24 fewer than one of whom shall be a member  
25 of the Committee on Foreign Affairs;

1           (ii) two shall be appointed by the  
2           House Minority Leader, from among Mem-  
3           bers of the House, not fewer than one of  
4           whom shall be a member of the Committee  
5           on Foreign Affairs;

6           (iii) two shall be appointed by the  
7           Senate Majority Leader, from among  
8           Members of the Senate, not fewer than one  
9           of whom shall be a member of the Com-  
10          mittee on Foreign Relations; and

11          (iv) two shall be appointed by the  
12          Senate Minority Leader, from among  
13          Members of the Senate, not fewer than one  
14          of whom shall be a member of the Com-  
15          mittee on Foreign Relations.

16          (C) TERM.—Appointments to the United  
17          States Group shall be for the duration of two  
18          years.

19          (3) MEETINGS.—

20          (A) IN GENERAL.—The United States  
21          Group shall seek to meet not less frequently  
22          than annually with representatives and appro-  
23          priate staff of the legislatures of Japan and the  
24          ROK, and representatives and appropriate staff

1 of any other country invited by mutual agree-  
2 ment of the three countries.

3 (B) LIMITATION.—A meeting described in  
4 subparagraph (A) may be held—

5 (i) in the United States;

6 (ii) in another country during periods  
7 when Congress is not in session; or

8 (iii) virtually.

9 (4) CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON.—

10 (A) ROTATION.—The positions of Chair-  
11 person and Vice Chairperson of the United  
12 States Group shall alternate between the House  
13 and Senate delegations every two years, coin-  
14 ciding with each new Congress.

15 (B) HOUSE DELEGATION.—

16 (i) In Congresses with an odd num-  
17 ber, the Speaker of the House of Rep-  
18 resentatives shall designate the Chair-  
19 person of the United States Group from  
20 among members of the House delegation  
21 who are also members of the Committee on  
22 Foreign Affairs.

23 (ii) In Congresses with an even num-  
24 ber, the Speaker of the House of Rep-  
25 resentatives shall designate the Vice Chair-

1 person of the United States Group from  
2 among members of the House delegation  
3 who are also members of the Committee on  
4 Foreign Affairs.

5 (C) SENATE DELEGATION.—

6 (i) In Congresses with an even num-  
7 ber, the President Pro Tempore of the  
8 Senate shall designate the Chairperson of  
9 the United States Group from among  
10 members of the Senate delegation who are  
11 also members of the Committee on Foreign  
12 Relations.

13 (ii) In Congresses with an odd num-  
14 ber, the President Pro Tempore of the  
15 Senate shall designate the Vice Chair-  
16 person of the United States Group from  
17 among members of the Senate delegation  
18 who are also members of the Committee on  
19 Foreign Relations.

20 (D) TERM.—The Chairperson and Vice  
21 Chairperson shall serve for the duration one  
22 each Congress.

23 (5) PRIVATE SOURCES.—The United States  
24 Group may accept gifts or donations of services or  
25 property, subject to the review and approval, as ap-

1       appropriate, of the Committee on Ethics of the House  
2       of Representatives and the Committee on Ethics of  
3       the Senate.

4               (6) CERTIFICATION OF EXPENDITURES.—The  
5       certificate of the chairperson of the delegation from  
6       the House of Representatives or the delegation of  
7       the Senate of the United States Group shall be final  
8       and conclusive upon the accounting officers in the  
9       auditing of the accounts of the United States Group.

10              (7) ANNUAL REPORT.—The United States  
11       Group shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Af-  
12       fairs of the House of Representatives and the Com-  
13       mittee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a report  
14       for each fiscal year for which an appropriation is  
15       made for the United States Group, which shall in-  
16       clude its expenditures under such appropriation and  
17       a description thereof.

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