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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 24, 2010

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## AN ACT

To authorize 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 “United States-Israel  
3 Rocket and Missile Defense Cooperation and Support  
4 Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

6       Congress finds the following:

7           (1) The Jewish State of Israel, as a close and  
8       indispensable ally of the United States, with whom  
9       the United States enjoys mutually-beneficial mili-  
10      tary, intelligence, homeland security, scientific, tech-  
11      nological, and other cooperation, deserves all nec-  
12      essary assistance to defend itself and its citizens  
13      from the many threats that it continues to face.

14          (2) The State of Israel has been under grave  
15      threat and frequent attack from missiles, rockets,  
16      and mortar shells fired at Israeli civilian targets by  
17      militants from the Foreign Terrorist Organization  
18       Hamas on its southern border and by the Foreign  
19      Terrorist Organization Hezbollah on its northern  
20      border, which have killed, wounded, or inflicted psy-  
21      chological trauma on countless Israelis.

22          (3) The United States remains committed to  
23      Israel’s qualitative military edge, including its ad-  
24      vantage over non-state actors such as Hamas and  
25      Hezbollah, which boast increasingly sophisticated

1 and powerful weapons as a result of support from  
2 Iran, Syria, and other state actors.

3 (4) Regional stability and lasting peace between  
4 Israel and the Palestinians requires that Israel can  
5 ensure the safety of its population against rocket,  
6 missile, and other threats.

7 (5) The United States can help to advance its  
8 own vital national security interests and the cause of  
9 peace by supporting Israel's ability to defend itself  
10 against rocket, missile, and other threats.

11 (6) The State of Israel announced in January  
12 2010 the successful testing of its Iron Dome Short  
13 Range Artillery Rocket Defense System which is de-  
14 signed to intercept short-range rockets, missiles, and  
15 mortars launched by militants in Gaza and southern  
16 Lebanon.

17 (7) In the face of threats from its neighbors  
18 and non-state actors, Israel historically has sought  
19 the means to defend itself, by itself.

20 (8) President Barack Obama has stated: "Our  
21 commitment to Israel's security is unshakable."

22 (9) Vice President Joe Biden has stated:  
23 "From my experience, the one precondition for  
24 progress is that the rest of the world knows this—

(10) Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates has stated: “President Obama has affirmed, the United States commitment to Israel’s security is unshakable, and our defense relationship is stronger than ever, to the mutual benefit of both nations.”.

(11) President Obama recently requested funds to help the State of Israel procure and maintain Iron Dome missile batteries.

11 SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL FOR  
12 IRON DOME ANTI-MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM.

The President, acting through the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State, is authorized to provide assistance to the Government of Israel for the procurement, maintenance, and sustainment of the Iron Dome Short Range Artillery Rocket Defense System for purposes of intercepting short-range rockets, missiles, and mortars launched against Israel.

Passed the House of Representatives May 20, 2010.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
Clerk.