

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4229

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 21, 2012

Mr. BERMAN (for himself, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. CICILLINE, and Ms. BUERKLE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “Iron Dome Support
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The State of Israel remains under grave
9 threat and frequent attack from missiles, rockets,
10 and mortar shells fired at Israeli civilian targets by

1 militants from the Foreign Terrorist Organization
2 Hamas on its southern border and by the Foreign
3 Terrorist Organization Hezbollah on its northern
4 border, which have killed, wounded, or inflicted psy-
5 chological trauma on countless Israelis.

6 (2) The United States remains committed to
7 Israel's qualitative military edge, including its ad-
8 vantage over non-state actors such as Hezbollah and
9 Hamas, which boast increasingly sophisticated and
10 powerful weapons as a result of support from Iran,
11 Syria, and other state actors.

12 (3) The Israeli Defense Forces report that the
13 Iron Dome anti-missile defense system has achieved
14 a success rate of more than 90 percent, intercepting
15 rockets bound for residential neighborhoods, busy
16 road junctions, shopping centers, and crowded
17 streets in southern Israel.

18 (4) The recent success of the Iron Dome anti-
19 missile defense system averted massive Israeli cas-
20 ualties, thereby eliminating Israel's need to conduct
21 a ground-based attack against Gaza-based terrorists,
22 enhancing Israel's operational flexibility, and pre-
23 venting terrorists from plunging the region into cri-
24 sis whenever they choose.

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

6 (6) In 2010, President Obama requested funds
7 to help the State of Israel procure and maintain
8 Iron Dome missile batteries. The House of Rep-
9 resentatives then overwhelmingly passed the United
10 States-Israel Rocket and Missile Defense Coopera-
11 tion and Support Act.

12 (7) The Government of Israel currently has
13 three operational Iron Dome batteries deployed in
14 the field, which are far from sufficient to protect all
15 of Israel's territory.

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

18 The President, acting through the Secretary of De-
19 fense and the Secretary of State, is authorized to provide
20 assistance, upon request by the Government of Israel, for
21 the procurement, maintenance, and sustainment of the
22 Iron Dome anti-missile defense system for purposes of
23 intercepting short-range missiles launched against Israel.

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