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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. KLOBUCHAR introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 “Supporting U.S. En-
5 gagement in Expos Act of 2022”.

6 **SEC. 2. PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL FAIRS AND EX-**
7 **POSITIONS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 204 of
9 the Admiral James W. Nance and Meg Donovan Foreign

1 Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001
2 (22 U.S.C. 2452b), funds appropriated or otherwise made
3 available for the Department of State in any fiscal year
4 may be obligated and expended for United States partici-
5 pation in international fairs and expositions abroad, in-
6 cluding for construction and operation of United States
7 pavilions or other major exhibits, subject to subsections
8 (b), (c), (d), and (e).

9 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
10 authorized to be appropriated \$20,000,000 to the Depart-
11 ment for United States participation in international fairs
12 and expositions abroad, including for construction and op-
13 eration of pavilions or other major exhibits.

14 (c) LIMITATION ON SOLICITATION OF FUNDS.—Sen-
15 ior employees of the Department, in their official capacity,
16 may not solicit funds to pay expenses for a United States
17 pavilion or other major exhibit at any international expo-
18 sition or world's fair registered by the Bureau of Inter-
19 national Expositions.

20 (d) COST-SHARE REQUIREMENT.—Funds made
21 available pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) to the De-
22 partment of State for a United States pavilion or other
23 major exhibit at an international fair or exposition abroad
24 shall be made available on a cost-matching basis, to the

1 maximum extent practicable, from sources other than the
2 United States Government.

3 (e) NOTIFICATION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds made
5 available pursuant to subsection (a) or (b) to the
6 Department of State for a United States pavilion or
7 other major exhibit at an international fair or expo-
8 sition abroad may be obligated until—

9 (A) the appropriate congressional commit-
10 tees have been notified of such intended obliga-
11 tion; and

12 (B) a period of not fewer than 15 days has
13 elapsed following such notification.

14 (2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—Each notifi-
15 cation under paragraph (1) shall include the fol-
16 lowing:

17 (A) A description of the source of such
18 funds, including any funds reprogrammed or
19 transferred by the Department of State to be
20 made available for such pavilion or other major
21 exhibit abroad.

22 (B) An estimate of the amount of invest-
23 ment such pavilion or other major exhibit
24 abroad could bring to the United States.

1 (C) A description of the strategy of the
2 Department to identify and obtain such match-
3 ing funds from sources other than the United
4 States Government, in accordance with sub-
5 section (d).

6 **SEC. 3. FINAL REPORT.**

7 Not later than 180 days after the date on which a
8 United States pavilion or other major exhibit abroad is
9 opened at an international fair or exposition as specified
10 in this section, the Secretary of State shall submit to the
11 appropriate congressional committees a report that in-
12 cludes—

13 (1) the number of United States businesses
14 that participated in such pavilion or other major ex-
15 hibit; and

16 (2) the dollar amount and source of any match-
17 ing funds obtained by the Department.

18 **SEC. 4. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-**
19 **FINED.**

20 In this Act, the term “appropriate congressional com-
21 mittees” means the following:

22 (1) The Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
23 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
24 resentatives.

- 1 (2) The Committee on Foreign Relations and
- 2 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

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