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H. R. 9437

To authorize co-location abroad with United States strategic partner countries.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LAWLER (for himself and Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania) 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 “Partners in Diplomacy
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CO-LOCATION ABROAD WITH UNITED STATES STRA-**
7 **TEGIC PARTNER COUNTRIES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, in con-
9 sultation with the appropriate congressional committees,
10 may alter, repair, and furnish United States Government-

1 owned and leased space for use by the government of a
2 covered foreign country to facilitate co-location of such
3 government in such space.

4 (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary is au-
5 thorized to carry out subsection (a) on such terms and
6 conditions as the Secretary may determine, including with
7 respect to reimbursement of all or part of the costs of al-
8 teration, repair, or furnishing described in such sub-
9 section.

10 (c) FUNDS.—Reimbursements or advances of funds
11 pursuant to this section may be credited to the currently
12 applicable appropriation, shall be available for the pur-
13 poses for which such appropriation is authorized, and shall
14 remain available until expended.

15 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

16 (1) the term “appropriate congressional com-
17 mittees” means—

18 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
19 the Committee on Appropriations of the House
20 of Representatives; and

21 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations
22 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
23 Senate; and

24 (2) the term “covered foreign country”
25 means—

1 (A) a North Atlantic Treaty Organization
2 (NATO) member state; or

3 (B) a major non-NATO ally as described
4 in section 517 of the Foreign Assistance Act of
5 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321k).

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