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H. R. 9524

To enhance subnational diplomacy efforts within the Department of State,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LIEU (for himself, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, and Mr. MEEKS) 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 “Enhancing Sub-
5 national Diplomacy Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SUBNATIONAL DIPLOMACY UNIT AUTHORITIES.**

7 To enable its work with states, counties, cities and
8 other municipalities in the United States, the State De-
9 partment is authorized to provide assistance to elected of-
10 ficials at the state, county and city level in the United

1 States (including their staff) to participate in inter-
2 national activities that the Secretary determines align with
3 the United States government's interests in promoting
4 subnational engagement in foreign policy, including pro-
5 viding assistance in attracting or bidding for hosting of
6 major international events, capacity building around inter-
7 nationally-oriented staff, funding travel of United States
8 elected officials at the state, county and city level in the
9 United States to participate in meetings, conferences,
10 workshops and other gatherings with foreign officials, and
11 funding the costs associated with memberships in United
12 States and internationally based organizations.

13 **SEC. 3. GRANT ASSISTANCE.**

14 The Secretary of State may, in consultation with the
15 heads of relevant agencies, award grants to eligible sub-
16 national United States government entities to carry out
17 technical assistance, public diplomacy, and commercial di-
18 plomacy projects in collaboration with interagency part-
19 ners to better augment United States government service
20 delivery and/or support United States foreign policy goals.

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