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To ensure sufficient food assistance for the civilian population of Gaza.

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Ms. WATERS (for herself, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. COHEN, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. FIELDS, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Ms. NORTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To ensure sufficient food assistance for the civilian population of Gaza.

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 “Food for Palestinian
5 Children and Families in Gaza Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENSURING SUFFICIENT FOOD ASSISTANCE FOR THE**
2 **CIVILIAN POPULATION OF GAZA.**

3 (a) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 30 days after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
5 State shall certify and report to Congress that—

6 (1) oversight policies, processes, and procedures
7 have been established by the Department of State,
8 as appropriate, and are in use to ensure that suffi-
9 cient food assistance is being provided to the civilian
10 population of Gaza to ensure that—

11 (A) all children in Gaza are able to eat at
12 least three nutritious meals each day; and

13 (B) all other civilians in Gaza are able to
14 eat at least two nutritious meals each day; and

15 (2) such policies, processes, and procedures
16 have been developed in coordination with the World
17 Food Program, the United Nations Relief and
18 Works Agency, and other appropriate United Na-
19 tions agencies, other bilateral and multilateral do-
20 nors, international nongovernmental organizations,
21 the Government of Israel, and representatives of the
22 Palestinian people, as appropriate.

23 (b) OVERSIGHT POLICY AND PROCEDURES.—The
24 Secretary of State shall submit to Congress, concurrent
25 with the submission of the certification required by sub-
26 section (a), a written description of the oversight policies,

1 processes, and procedures for the distribution of food as-
2 sistance in Gaza, including food assistance provided by the
3 United States, food assistance provided by other bilateral
4 and multilateral donors, and food assistance provided by
5 international nongovernmental organizations, and the role
6 of the Government of Israel in the oversight of such assist-
7 ance.

8 (c) REQUIREMENT TO REPORT.—The Secretary of
9 State shall provide a report to Congress, which shall be
10 made available to the public, not later than 30 days after
11 the certification required by subsection (a), on how much
12 food assistance is being distributed in Gaza, how many
13 children and adults are being served in Gaza, the donors
14 that are providing the assistance, and how the food is
15 being distributed.

16 (d) REQUIREMENT TO INFORM.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall
18 promptly inform Congress of each instance in which
19 food assistance that is made available for Gaza, for
20 the purposes described in (a)(1), has been denied en-
21 trance into Gaza or has been diverted or misused in
22 Gaza.

23 (2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The Sec-
24 retary of State shall include in the information re-
25 quired by paragraph (1) the type of assistance, the

1 donor that provided the assistance, a description of
2 the incident and parties involved, and an explanation
3 of the response of the Department of State, as ap-
4 propriate.

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