

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to monitor and combat anti-Semitism globally, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. RUBIO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to monitor and combat anti-Semitism globally, and for other purposes.

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 “Special Envoy to Mon-
5 itor and Combat Anti-Semitism Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDING.**

7 Congress finds that since the Global Anti-Semitism
8 Review Act of 2004 was enacted, in many foreign coun-
9 tries acts of anti-Semitism have been frequent and wide
10 in scope, the perpetrators and variety of threats to Jewish

1 communities and their institutions have proliferated, and
2 in some countries anti-Semitic attacks have increased in
3 frequency, scope, violence, and deadliness.

4 **SEC. 3. MONITORING AND COMBATING ANTI-SEMITISM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 59 of the
6 State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22
7 U.S.C. 2731) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (2)—

9 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

10 (i) by inserting before the period at
11 the end the following: “, who shall be ap-
12 pointed by the President, by and with the
13 advice and consent of the Senate”; and

14 (ii) by adding at the end the following
15 new sentence: “The Special Envoy shall re-
16 port directly to the Secretary.”; and

17 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

18 (i) in the heading, but striking “AP-
19 POINTMENT” and inserting “NOMINA-
20 TION”;

21 (ii) by striking the first sentence;

22 (iii) in the second sentence, by strik-
23 ing “If the Secretary determines that such
24 is appropriate, the Secretary may appoint”
25 and inserting “If the President determines

1 that such is appropriate, the President
2 may nominate”; and

3 (iv) in the third sentence, by striking
4 “The Secretary may allow such officer or
5 employee to retain the position (and the
6 responsibilities associated with such posi-
7 tion) held by such officer or employee prior
8 to the appointment” and inserting “Such
9 officer or employee may not retain the po-
10 sition (or the responsibilities associated
11 with such position) held by such officer or
12 employee prior to the nomination”; and

13 (2) by adding at the end the following new
14 paragraphs:

15 “(3) DUTIES.—The Special Envoy shall serve
16 as the primary advisor to, and coordinate efforts
17 across, the United States Government relating to
18 monitoring and combating anti-Semitism and anti-
19 Semitic incitement that occur in foreign countries.

20 “(4) RANK AND STATUS OF AMBASSADOR.—
21 The Special Envoy shall have the rank of ambas-
22 sador.

23 “(5) QUALIFICATIONS.—The Special Envoy
24 should be a person of recognized distinction in the
25 field of—

1 “(A) combating anti-Semitism;

2 “(B) religious freedom; or

3 “(C) law enforcement.”.

4 (b) NOMINATION.—Not later than 90 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, and not later than 120
6 after any such position becomes vacant, the President
7 shall nominate the Special Envoy for Monitoring and
8 Combating anti-Semitism under section 59 of the State
9 Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956, as amended
10 by subsection (a) of this section.