

113<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5235

To authorize further assistance to Israel for the Iron Dome anti-missile defense system.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2014

Mr. ENGEL (for himself, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. DEUTCH, and Ms. FRANKEL of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## 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 “Emergency Iron Dome  
5        Replenishment Act”.

6        **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7        Congress finds the following:

8                (1) Since June 12, 2014, the foreign terrorist  
9        organization Hamas and other Palestinian extrem-

1       ists have been launching dozens of rockets per day  
2       at the State of Israel.

3               (2) Hamas possesses approximately 12,000 mis-  
4       siles of assorted ranges that could threaten approxi-  
5       mately 40 percent of the Israeli population.

6               (3) Iran has supplied Hamas and other Pales-  
7       tinian extremists with long-range missiles, capable of  
8       hitting Israeli population centers 100 miles away.

9               (4) Hamas rockets are either unguided or have  
10      inaccurate guidance systems, making them true  
11      weapons of terror designed only to kill people at ran-  
12      dom.

13              (5) Hamas has admitted targeting Israel's nu-  
14      clear research reactor at Dimona.

15              (6) The use of rockets by Hamas against Israeli  
16      population centers has been called a war crime.

17              (7) In March 2014, Israel intercepted the ship  
18      Klos-C, which was carrying dozens of long-range  
19      rockets, reportedly from Iran to Hamas.

20              (8) The United States remains committed to  
21      Israel's qualitative military edge, including its ad-  
22      vantage over Hamas and other foreign terrorist or-  
23      ganizations.

24              (9) The Israeli Defense Forces report that the  
25      Iron Dome anti-missile defense system has achieved

1 a success rate of 90 percent, intercepting rockets  
2 bound for civilian population centers, including resi-  
3 dential neighborhoods, busy road junctions, shopping  
4 centers, and crowded streets.

5 (10) The recent success of the Iron Dome anti-  
6 missile defense system averted massive Israeli cas-  
7 ualties.

8 (11) Supporting Israel’s ability to defend itself  
9 against missiles, rockets, and other threats advances  
10 the United States own vital national security inter-  
11 ests and the cause of Middle Eastern peace and sta-  
12 bility.

13 (12) The White House said on July 8, 2014,  
14 “No country can accept rocket fire aimed at civilians  
15 and we support Israel’s right to defend itself against  
16 these vicious attacks.”.

17 (13) In 2012, President Obama called Iron  
18 Dome “critical in terms of providing security and  
19 safety for Israeli families. It is a program that has  
20 been tested and has prevented missile strikes inside  
21 of Israel.”.

22 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL FOR**  
23 **IRON DOME ANTI-MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM.**

24 The President, acting through the Secretary of De-  
25 fense and the Secretary of State, is authorized to provide

1 assistance, upon request by the Government of Israel, for  
2 the procurement, maintenance, and sustainment of the  
3 Iron Dome anti-missile defense system for purposes of  
4 intercepting short-range missiles launched against Israel.

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