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To establish the United States-Israel joint commission to address Iranian compliance with the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RUIZ 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 “U.S.-Israel Partner-
5 ship to Hold Iran Accountable Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. UNITED STATES-ISRAEL JOINT COMMISSION TO AD-**
7 **DRESS IRANIAN COMPLIANCE WITH THE**
8 **JCPOA.**

9 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Enforcement of the Joint Comprehensive
2 Plan of Action (JCPOA) is of mutual concern to the
3 United States and Israel.

4 (2) There is particular concern that as the
5 world turns elsewhere, Iran will exploit inattention,
6 violate the JCPOA, and eventually obtain a nuclear
7 weapon. Iran is already violating the letter and spirit
8 of United Nations Security Council Resolution 2231
9 through ballistic missile launches.

10 (3) Invigorating high-level dialogue between the
11 United States and Israel on a joint strategy to pre-
12 vent a nuclear armed Iran would strengthen mutual
13 efforts to accomplish that goal.

14 (4) A joint commission between the United
15 States and Israel could engage in senior-level dia-
16 logue on implementing the JCPOA, working to-
17 gether to detect cheating by Iran and preparing con-
18 tingency responses in the event Iran has begun a
19 breakout to a nuclear weapon.

20 (5) Both the United States and Israel have de-
21 veloped highly capable nuclear experts who can help
22 each other refine their plans to respond if Iran has
23 begun a breakout to a nuclear weapon, as well as
24 “red team” vulnerabilities in response plans.

1 (6) Detecting covert weaponization activities is
2 extraordinarily difficult and most indicative of a
3 change in Iran’s calculus with respect to pursuing a
4 nuclear weapon. It is critical that the United States
5 and Israel coordinate among security professionals
6 and political leadership to discuss how to identify
7 and reach consensus on such a development.

8 (b) AUTHORIZATION.—The President, acting through
9 the Secretary of State, is authorized to establish a joint
10 commission with the Government of Israel to address Ira-
11 nian compliance with the JCPOA.

12 (c) ACTIVITIES.—The commission should undertake
13 the following activities:

14 (1) Support professional dialogues to detect vio-
15 lations of the JCPOA by Iran, respond to such viola-
16 tions, and enhance technical monitoring capabilities.
17 Such support may include travel and convening of
18 conferences for meetings of nongovernmental ex-
19 perts.

20 (2) Coordinate subcabinet level political discus-
21 sions on contingency responses to violations of the
22 JCPOA by Iran and responses to Iran’s desta-
23 bilizing, non-nuclear activities, including its launch-
24 ing of missiles in violation of United Nations Secu-

1 rity Council Resolution 2231, support for terrorism,
2 and human rights violations.

3 (3) Coordinate technical discussions among the
4 Department of State, the Department of the Treas-
5 ury, and the Department of Energy, and counter-
6 part Israeli ministries on technical aspects of imple-
7 mentation of the JCPOA, including—

8 (A) determining what constitutes a mar-
9 ginal violation of the JCPOA that would require
10 international consultations and a flexible re-
11 sponse and what constitutes a blatant violation
12 of the JCPOA that should be challenged rapidly
13 and decisively, such as the discovery of an
14 undeclared nuclear facility or militarization ac-
15 tivities;

16 (B) determining “red team” technical con-
17 clusions regarding compliance with the JCPOA
18 by Iran;

19 (C) coordinating with the Department of
20 Defense and the Israeli Ministry of Defense to
21 facilitate joint military planning; and

22 (D) providing recommendations to the De-
23 partment of State regarding appropriate weap-
24 ons sales to Israel to facilitate preparations by
25 the United States and Israel to counter a seri-

1 ous violation of the JCPOA by Iran through
2 military means.

3 (d) COMPOSITION.—

4 (1) UNITED STATES MEMBERS.—The following
5 officials of the United States Government should be
6 appointed as members of the commission:

7 (A) The Secretary of State, who should
8 serve as chairperson of the commission.

9 (B) The Secretary of the Treasury.

10 (C) The Secretary of Energy.

11 (D) The Secretary of Defense.

12 (2) ISRAELI MEMBERS.—It is the sense of Con-
13 gress that officials of the Government of Israel who
14 are counterparts to the United States Government
15 officials described in paragraph (1) should be ap-
16 pointed as members of the commission.

17 (3) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of
18 Congress that the President should ensure participa-
19 tion by senior officials in the Executive Office of the
20 President in the commission and ensure participa-
21 tion of relevant counterparts in the Office of the
22 Prime Minister of Israel in the commission.

23 (e) COORDINATION OF MILITARY PLANNING.—It is
24 the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should
25 conduct joint military planning with the Government of

1 Israel based on contingency scenarios identified by the
2 commission under subsection (c), such as responding to
3 the detection of a covert Iranian enrichment facility, new
4 Iranian efforts at weaponization, or other clear indicators
5 that Iran has begun a breakout to a nuclear weapon.

6 (f) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “Joint
7 Comprehensive Plan of Action” or “JCPOA” means the
8 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, signed at Vienna
9 July 14, 2015, by Iran and by the People’s Republic of
10 China, France, Germany, the Russian Federation, the
11 United Kingdom and the United States, with the High
12 Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs
13 and Security Policy, and all implementing materials and
14 agreements related to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of
15 Action.

16 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
17 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
18 for fiscal year 2017 such sums as may be necessary.

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