

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
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Page 278, beginning line 5, strike section 274 and
insert the following:

1 **SEC. 274. SUPPORT FOR YOUNG AFRICAN LEADERS INITIA-**
2 **TIVE.**

3 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
4 gress that—

5 (1) the Young African Leaders Initiative,
6 launched in 2010, is a signature effort to invest in
7 the next generation of African leaders;

8 (2) Africa is a continent of strategic importance
9 and it is vital for the United States to support
10 strong and enduring partnerships with the next gen-
11 eration of African leaders; and

12 (3) the United States Government should
13 prioritize investments to build the capacity of emerg-
14 ing young African leaders in sub-Saharan Africa, in-
15 cluding through efforts to enhance leadership skills,
16 encourage entrepreneurship, strengthen public ad-
17 ministration and the role of civil society, and connect

1 young African leaders continentally and globally
2 across the private, civic, and public sectors.

3 (b) YOUNG AFRICAN LEADERS INITIATIVE PRO-
4 GRAM.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the
6 Department of State the Young African Leaders Ini-
7 tiative (“YALI”) program.

8 (2) PURPOSE.—The YALI program shall seek
9 to build the capacity of young African leaders in
10 sub-Saharan Africa in the areas of business, civic
11 engagement, or public administration, including
12 through efforts to—

13 (A) support young African leaders by of-
14 fering professional development, training, and
15 networking opportunities, particularly in the
16 areas of leadership, innovation, civic engage-
17 ment, elections, human rights, entrepreneur-
18 ship, good governance, and public administra-
19 tion; and

20 (B) provide increased economic and tech-
21 nical assistance to young African leaders to pro-
22 mote economic growth and strengthen ties be-
23 tween United States and African businesses.

24 (3) FELLOWSHIPS.—The YALI program shall
25 award fellowships under the Mandela Washington

1 Fellowship for Young African Leaders program to
2 young African leaders ages 18 to 35 who have dem-
3 onstrated strong capabilities in entrepreneurship, in-
4 novation, public service, and leadership, and who
5 have had a positive impact in their communities, or-
6 ganizations, or institutions.

7 (4) REGIONAL LEADERSHIP CENTERS.—The
8 YALI program shall seek to establish regional lead-
9 ership centers in sub-Saharan Africa to offer train-
10 ing to young African leaders ages 18 to 35 who have
11 demonstrated strong capabilities in entrepreneur-
12 ship, innovation, public service and leadership, and
13 who have had a positive impact in their commu-
14 nities, organizations, or institutions.

15 (5) ACTIVITIES.—

16 (A) UNITED STATES-BASED ACTIVITIES.—
17 The Secretary of State, in coordination with the
18 Administrator for the United States Agency for
19 International Development and the heads of
20 other relevant Federal departments and agen-
21 cies, shall oversee all United States-based ac-
22 tivities carried out under the YALI program,
23 including the following:

24 (i) The participation of Mandela
25 Washington fellows in a six-week Leader-

1 ship Institute at a United States university
2 or college in business, civic engagement, or
3 public management, including academic
4 sessions, site visits, professional net-
5 working opportunities, leadership training,
6 community service, and organized cultural
7 activities.

8 (ii) The participation by Mandela
9 Washington fellows in an annual Mandela
10 Washington Fellowship Summit, to provide
11 such Fellows the opportunity to meet with
12 United States leaders from the private,
13 public, and non-profit sectors.

14 (B) AFRICA-BASED ACTIVITIES.—The Sec-
15 retary of State, in coordination with the Admin-
16 istrator for the United States Agency for Inter-
17 national Development and the heads of other
18 relevant Federal departments and agencies,
19 should continue to support YALI programs in
20 sub-Saharan Africa, including the following:

21 (i) Access to continued leadership
22 training and other professional develop-
23 ment opportunities for Mandela Wash-
24 ington Fellowship for Young African Lead-
25 ers alumni upon their return to their home

1 countries, including online courses, tech-
2 nical assistance, and access to funding.

3 (ii) Training for young African lead-
4 ers at regional leadership centers estab-
5 lished in accordance with paragraph (4),
6 and through online and in-person courses
7 offered by such centers.

8 (iii) Opportunities for networking and
9 engagement with—

10 (I) other alumni of the Mandela
11 Washington Fellowship for Young Af-
12 rican Leaders;

13 (II) alumni of programs at re-
14 gional leadership centers established
15 in accordance with paragraph (4); and

16 (III) United States and like-
17 minded diplomatic missions, business
18 leaders, and others as appropriate.

19 (C) IMPLEMENTATION.—To carry out this
20 paragraph, the Secretary of State, in coordina-
21 tion with the Administrator of the United
22 States Agency for International Development
23 and the heads of other relevant Federal depart-
24 ments and agencies shall seek to partner with
25 the private sector to pursue public-private part-

1 nerships, leverage private sector expertise, ex-
2 pand networking opportunities, and identify
3 funding opportunities as well as fellowship and
4 employment opportunities for participants in
5 the YALI program.

6 (6) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—Not later than
7 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
8 the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Ad-
9 ministrators of the United States Agency for Inter-
10 national Development and the heads of other rel-
11 evant Federal departments and agencies, shall sub-
12 mit to the appropriate congressional committees a
13 plan for implementing the YALI program, including
14 the following:

15 (A) A description of clearly defined pro-
16 gram goals, targets, and planned outcomes for
17 each year and for the duration of implementa-
18 tion of the program.

19 (B) A strategy to monitor and evaluate the
20 program and progress made toward achieving
21 such goals, targets, and planned outcomes.

22 (C) A strategy to ensure the program is
23 promoting United States foreign policy goals in
24 Africa, including ensuring that the program is

1 clearly branded and paired with robust public
2 diplomacy efforts.

3 (7) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, and annually
5 thereafter for 5 years, the Secretary of State, in co-
6 ordination with the Administrator of the United
7 States Agency for International Development, shall
8 submit to the appropriate congressional committees
9 and publish in a publicly accessible, internet-based
10 form, a report on the following:

11 (A) The progress made toward achieving
12 the goals, targets, and planned outcomes de-
13 scribed in paragraph (6)(A), including an over-
14 view of the program implemented in the pre-
15 vious year and an estimated number of bene-
16 ficiaries.

17 (B) An assessment of how the YALI pro-
18 gram is contributing to and promoting United
19 States-Africa relations, particularly in areas of
20 increased private sector investment, trade pro-
21 motion, support to civil society, improved public
22 administration, and fostering entrepreneurship
23 and youth empowerment.

24 (C) Recommendations for improvements or
25 changes to the program and implementation

1 plan, if any, that would improve their effective-
2 ness during subsequent years of implementation
3 of the program.

4 (8) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
5 TEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “ap-
6 propriate congressional committees” means—

7 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
8 the Committee on Appropriations of the House
9 of Representatives; and

10 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations
11 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
12 Senate.

13 (9) SUNSET.—The requirements of this section
14 shall terminate on the date that is 5 years after the
15 date of the enactment of this Act.

