

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5250

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Page 2, line 12, strike “and” and insert the following: “, including”

1 (A) Bureau of Democracy and Funda-
2 mental Freedoms;

3 (B) Office of International Religious Free-
4 dom;

5 (C) Office to Monitor and Combat Traf-
6 ficking in Persons;

7 (D) Bureau of Migration and Disaster As-
8 sistance;

9 (E) Bureau of Global Health Security and
10 Diplomacy;

11 (F) Office of Global Food Security;

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

12 **SEC. ____ . AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR DE-**
13 **MOCRACY AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS.**

14 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of the
15 funds authorized to be appropriated to the Under Sec-
16 retary for Foreign Assistance under section 604, the As-
17 sistant Secretary for Democracy and Fundamental Free-

1 doms shall receive the funds necessary to fulfill bureau
2 missions and responsibilities for fiscal year 2026 and
3 2027.

4 (b) ADMINISTRATION OF ACCOUNTS.—The Assistant
5 Secretary for Democracy and Fundamental Freedoms
6 shall direct, oversee, and otherwise exercise responsibility
7 of funds made available for the Democracy Fund.

8 **SEC. ____ . ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR DEMOCRACY AND**
9 **FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS.**

10 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is authorized to be in
11 the Department an Assistant Secretary for Democracy
12 and Fundamental Freedoms who shall be responsible to
13 the Under Secretary for Foreign Assistance for matters
14 pertaining to democracy and human rights, and such other
15 related duties as the Secretary may from time to time des-
16 ignate.

17 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—In addition to the respon-
18 sibilities described under subsection (a), the Assistant Sec-
19 retary for Democracy and Fundamental Freedoms shall
20 maintain continuous observation and coordination of all
21 matters pertaining to internationally recognized human
22 rights and fundamental freedoms, democracy and govern-
23 ance, free markets and fair labor, and genocide and atroc-
24 ities in the conduct of foreign policy, including, as appro-
25 priate—

1 (1) gathering detailed information regarding
2 the observance of and respect for internationally rec-
3 ognized human rights in all foreign countries;

4 (2) preparing the statements and reports to
5 Congress, including an annual report on human
6 rights practices in countries described in paragraph
7 (1);

8 (3) making recommendations to the Under Sec-
9 retary for Foreign Assistance regarding prohibitions
10 on providing United States security or development
11 assistance to any country that engages in a con-
12 sistent pattern of gross violations of internationally
13 recognized human rights, in compliance with, and as
14 defined in sections 116 and 502B of the Foreign As-
15 sistance Act (22 U.S.C. 2151n and 2304), and as
16 part of the Assistant Secretary's overall policy re-
17 sponsibility for the creation of United States Gov-
18 ernment human rights policy;

19 (4) maintaining responsibility and continuous
20 oversight over the programs carried out through for-
21 eign assistance funds under the jurisdiction of the
22 bureau;

23 (5) developing and implementing, in coordina-
24 tion with the Assistant Secretary for Sanctions Pol-

1 iciency, human rights-related visa restrictions and eco-
2 nomic sanctions;

3 (6) performing other responsibilities which
4 serve to promote increased observance of inter-
5 nationally recognized human rights by all countries;

6 (7) leading, coordinating, and executing the De-
7 partment's diplomatic and programmatic efforts to
8 prevent, respond to, and provide accountability for
9 atrocities;

10 (8) acting as the primary interagency liaison
11 with other United States government departments
12 and agencies on matters relating to the above re-
13 sponsibilities; and

14 (9) such other related duties as the Under Sec-
15 retary for Foreign Assistance may from time to time
16 designate.

17 **SEC. ____ . BUREAU OF DEMOCRACY AND FUNDAMENTAL**
18 **FREEDOMS.**

19 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of State shall
20 establish a Bureau of Democracy and Fundamental Free-
21 doms, which shall perform such functions related to pro-
22 moting internationally recognized human rights and fun-
23 damental freedoms in the conduct of foreign policy, as the
24 Under Secretary for Foreign Assistance may prescribe.

1 (b) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The Assistant Sec-
2 retary for Democracy and Fundamental Freedoms shall
3 be the head of the Bureau of Democracy and Funda-
4 mental Freedoms.

5 **SEC. ____ . OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREE-**
6 **DOM.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE.—There is estab-
8 lished within the Department of State an Office on Inter-
9 national Religious Freedom that shall be headed by the
10 Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom
11 appointed under subsection (b) and shall report and be
12 responsible to the Under Secretary for Foreign Assistance
13 for matters relating to day-to-day administration and co-
14 ordination of activities and programs.

15 (b) APPOINTMENT.—The Ambassador at Large shall
16 be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and
17 consent of the Senate, and shall report directly to the Sec-
18 retary of State.

19 **SEC. ____ . RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE AMBASSADOR AT**
20 **LARGE FOR INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS**
21 **FREEDOM.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The primary responsibilities of
23 the Ambassador at Large shall be to—

24 (1) advance the right to freedom of religion
25 abroad, to denounce the violation of that right, and

1 to recommend appropriate responses by the United
2 States Government when this right is violated; and

3 (2) integrate United States international reli-
4 gious freedom policies and strategies into the foreign
5 policy efforts of the United States.

6 (b) ADVISORY ROLE.—The Ambassador at Large
7 shall be a principal adviser to the President and the prin-
8 cipal adviser to the Secretary of State regarding matters
9 affecting religious freedom abroad and, with advice from
10 the Commission on International Religious Freedom, shall
11 make recommendations regarding—

12 (1) the policies of the United States Govern-
13 ment toward governments that violate freedom of re-
14 ligion or that fail to ensure the individual's right to
15 religious belief and practice; and

16 (2) policies to advance the right to religious
17 freedom abroad.

18 (c) DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION.—Subject to the
19 direction of the President and the Secretary of State, the
20 Ambassador at Large is authorized to represent the
21 United States in matters and cases relevant to religious
22 freedom abroad in—

23 (1) contacts with foreign governments, intergov-
24 ernmental organizations, and specialized agencies of
25 the United Nations, the Organization on Security

1 and Cooperation in Europe, and other international
2 organizations of which the United States is a mem-
3 ber;

4 (2) multilateral conferences and meetings rel-
5 evant to religious freedom abroad; and

6 (3) contacts with nongovernmental organiza-
7 tions that have an impact on the state of religious
8 freedom in their respective societies or regions, or
9 internationally.

10 (d) COORDINATION RESPONSIBILITIES.—In order to
11 promote religious freedom as an interest of United States
12 foreign policy, the Ambassador at Large—

13 (1) shall coordinate international religious free-
14 dom policies across all programs, projects, and ac-
15 tivities of the United States;

16 (2) should participate in any interagency proc-
17 esses on issues in which the promotion of inter-
18 national religious freedom policy can advance United
19 States national security interests, including in de-
20 mocracy promotion, stability, security, and develop-
21 ment globally;

22 (3) shall direct, oversee, and otherwise exercise
23 responsibility for the use of foreign assistance funds
24 made available for international religious freedom
25 programs

1 (4) shall direct, oversee, and otherwise exercise
2 responsibility for the continued development and im-
3 plementation of an international religious freedom
4 curriculum in accordance with section 708 of the
5 Foreign Service Act of 1098 (22 U.S.C.
6 4028(a)(1)(B)).

7 (e) REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Amba-
8 sador at Large shall have the reporting responsibilities de-
9 scribed in this Act, including the Annual Report on Inter-
10 national Religious Freedom.

11 **SEC. ____ . OFFICE TO MONITOR AND COMBAT TRAFFICKING**
12 **IN PERSONS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—

14 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall es-
15 tablish within the Department an Office to Monitor
16 and Combat Trafficking in Persons, which shall pro-
17 vide assistance to the President’s Interagency Task
18 Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Per-
19 sons and shall report directly to the Under Secretary
20 for Foreign Assistance for matters relating to day-
21 to-day administration and coordination of activities
22 and programs. Any such Office shall be headed by
23 a Director, who shall be appointed by the President,
24 by and with the advice and consent of the Senate,
25 with the rank of Ambassador-at-Large, and shall

1 have two deputy directors. The Director shall report
2 to the Secretary and shall have the primary respon-
3 sibility for assisting the Secretary in carrying out
4 the purposes of the Trafficking Victims Protection
5 Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.) and may have
6 additional responsibilities as determined by the Sec-
7 retary. The Director shall consult with nongovern-
8 mental organizations and multilateral organizations,
9 and with trafficking victims or other affected per-
10 sons. The Director shall have the authority to take
11 evidence in public hearings or by other means.

12 (2) STAFF.—The heads of each of the Federal
13 departments and agencies represented on the Inter-
14 agency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Traf-
15 ficking in Persons are authorized to provide staff to
16 the Office on a non-reimbursable basis. The Office
17 shall maintain appropriate staff for the carrying out
18 of the duties described in this section, including for
19 the management and execution of foreign assistance
20 programming that falls under its purview, as well as
21 for the compiling, editing, and managing of the An-
22 nual Report.

23 (b) UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE.—The Director
24 shall additionally be responsible for—

1 (1) serving as a principal adviser to the Presi-
2 dent on matters regarding trafficking in persons
3 abroad;

4 (2) all policy, funding, and programming deci-
5 sions regarding funds made available for trafficking
6 in persons programs that are centrally controlled by
7 the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in
8 Persons, which shall include child protection com-
9 pacts authorized under section 105A of the Traf-
10 fficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C.
11 7103a(d)), the Program to End Modern Slavery
12 grants authorized under section 1298 of the Na-
13 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
14 2017 (22 U.S.C. 7114(b)), and other bilateral traf-
15 fficking in persons programs;

16 (3) coordinating any trafficking in persons pro-
17 grams of the Department of State that are not cen-
18 trally controlled by the Director;

19 (4) compiling, drafting, and coordinating the
20 production and issuing of the annual report;

21 (5) ensuring, in coordination with other rel-
22 evant officials, that all Department staff have com-
23 pleted annual anti-trafficking training pursuant to
24 section 107(c)(4) of the Trafficking Victims Protec-
25 tion Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7105(c)(4)) and section

1 708(a) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22
2 U.S.C. 4028(a));

3 (6) encouraging the inclusion in country and re-
4 gional planning of a counter-trafficking in persons
5 analytic component to guide foreign assistance pro-
6 gram design and implementation and to inform dip-
7 lomatic engagement pursuant to section 105(f) of
8 the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22
9 U.S.C. 7103(f)); and

10 (7) organizing and coordinating the Trafficking
11 in Persons Report Heroes Award.

12 **SEC. ____ . AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR MI-**
13 **GRATION AND DISASTER ASSISTANCE.**

14 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of the
15 funds authorized to be appropriated to the Under Sec-
16 retary for Foreign Assistance under section 604, the As-
17 sistant Secretary for Migration and Disaster Assistance
18 shall receive the funds necessary to fulfill bureau missions
19 and responsibilities for fiscal year 2026 and 2027.

20 **SEC. ____ . ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR MIGRATION AND**
21 **DISASTER ASSISTANCE.**

22 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is authorized to be in
23 the Department an Assistant Secretary of State for Mi-
24 gration and Disaster Assistance who shall be responsible
25 to the Under Secretary for Foreign Assistance for matters

1 pertaining to disaster response, refugees, migration, and
2 such other related duties as the Secretary may from time
3 to time designate.

4 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—In addition to the respon-
5 sibilities described under subsection (a), the Assistant Sec-
6 retary for Migration and Disaster Assistance shall main-
7 tain continuous observation and coordination of all mat-
8 ters pertaining to humanitarian aid in response to crises
9 in the conduct of foreign policy, including, as appropriate,
10 the following:

11 (1) Leading and coordinating the United States
12 Government's international disaster assistance ef-
13 forts, including responses to natural disasters and
14 conflict-induced displacement.

15 (2) Developing and implementing policies and
16 strategies related to international disaster assist-
17 ance, including country-based exit strategies that
18 term-limit the duration of humanitarian responses
19 and end disaster assistance.

20 (3) Overseeing the provision of humanitarian
21 aid, including food, shelter, water, sanitation, health
22 care, emergency nutrition, and protection services, to
23 affected populations.

1 (4) Coordinating with international organiza-
2 tions and other stakeholders involved in disaster re-
3 sponse and humanitarian assistance.

4 (5) Managing resources for international dis-
5 aster assistance programs.

6 (6) Ensuring the effective and efficient delivery
7 of assistance and the accountability of implementing
8 partners, including by:

9 (A) Updating the Emergency Application
10 Guidelines to clarify applicant instructions for
11 responding to additional requirements for high-
12 risk environments in cases where a country is
13 not on the non-exclusive list but where sanc-
14 tioned groups are present; and

15 (B) Conducting an analysis to determine
16 what, if any, options exist to further reduce the
17 risk of beneficiary duplication.

18 (7) Directing the development of the Depart-
19 ment's international refugee and migration policy;

20 (8) Recommending to the President the number
21 of refugees to be admitted annually to the United
22 States, based on factors that shall include consider-
23 ation of public safety, national security, and likeli-
24 hood of successful assimilation the United States;
25 and directing programs for selection, processing, and

1 transportation of refugees to be admitted to the
2 United States, including resettlement through the
3 United States Refugee Admissions Program;

4 (9) Advising the President, Secretary of State,
5 other agencies within the United States Government,
6 and the Under Secretary for Foreign Assistance on
7 the negotiations and development of policies and
8 programs related to the implementation of safe third
9 country agreements;

10 (10) Managing United States contributions of
11 migration and refugee assistance to certain inter-
12 national organizations for migration management
13 and leading United States Government participation
14 on governing bodies of relevant international organi-
15 zations to ensure effective use of United States hu-
16 manitarian funds;

17 (11) Overseeing efforts to encourage greater
18 participation in partner nation humanitarian assist-
19 ance, refugee resettlement, and migration manage-
20 ment on the part of foreign governments; and

21 (12) Such other related duties as the Under
22 Secretary for Foreign Assistance may from time to
23 time designate.

1 **SEC. ____ . BUREAU OF MIGRATION AND DISASTER ASSIST-**
2 **ANCE.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of State shall
4 establish a Bureau of Migration and Disaster Assistance,
5 which shall perform such functions related to humani-
6 tarian assistance for emerging or acute disasters, includ-
7 ing for refugee and migration needs, as the Under Sec-
8 retary for Foreign Assistance may prescribe.

9 (b) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The Assistant Sec-
10 retary for Migration and Disaster Assistance shall be the
11 head of the Bureau of Migration and Disaster Assistance.

12 **SEC. ____ . CLASSIFICATION IN UNITED STATES CODE.**

13 (a) CLASSIFICATION IN UNITED STATES CODE.—
14 The Office of Law Revision Counsel is directed to—

15 (1) Utilize sections 160-190 of title 22, United
16 States Code, to classify the sections of this title

17 (2) Maintain the legislative history, under edi-
18 torial notes, of repealed law which previously occu-
19 pied the corresponding sections of United States
20 Code.

21 **SEC. ____ . AMBASSADOR AT LARGE FOR GLOBAL HEALTH**
22 **SECURITY AND DIPLOMACY.**

23 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is authorized to be in
24 the Department an Ambassador-at-large who shall be re-
25 sponsible for matters pertaining to global health and
26 health security, and shall fulfill the duties and functions

1 of the President's Malaria Initiative Coordinator and the
2 Global AIDS Coordinator, and such other related duties
3 as the Secretary may from time to time designate.

4 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—In addition to the respon-
5 sibilities described under subsection (a), the Ambassador-
6 at- Large for Global Health Security and Diplomacy is
7 encouraged to maintain continuous observation and co-
8 ordination of all matters pertaining to global health and
9 global health security in the conduct of foreign policy, in-
10 cluding, as appropriate—

11 (1) authority to direct the negotiations of and
12 enter into global health foreign assistance compacts
13 in coordination with Department regional bureaus
14 and with other relevant Federal departments and
15 agencies at the Ambassador's discretion, which shall
16 supersede the authority of such other Federal de-
17 partments and agencies with respect to global health
18 programs;

19 (2) the detection, prevention, diagnosis, treat-
20 ment, and eventual end to harmful global health
21 epidemics, including malaria, all forms of tuber-
22 culosis, all forms of HIV/AIDS, nutrition, and any
23 other diseases or global health foreign assistance the
24 Secretary of State shall direct the Ambassador to
25 consider;

1 (3) contributions from the United States to the
2 Global Fund, cost-sharing programs, and any other
3 financial contributions made by the United States
4 towards any multilateral fund or other large-scale
5 cost-sharing program;

6 (4) measures to reduce inefficiency in global
7 health foreign assistance and promote the sustain-
8 ability of global health systems and epidemic pre-
9 paredness and response within partner countries
10 with the eventual aim to transition responsibility for
11 the funding of all United States global health pro-
12 grams to partner countries;

13 (5) ensuring conscience protections remain in-
14 tact, even where not specified by any one piece of
15 legislation or federal law, by refusing to engage in
16 practices, contracts, or any foreign assistance related
17 to global health programs that could pose such con-
18 cerns;

19 (6) national security concerns and maintaining
20 a continued United States presence in regions espe-
21 cially susceptible to threats to the United States
22 prone to outbreaks of infectious diseases, or strategi-
23 cally important to the United States;

24 (7) coordination with the applicable regional bu-
25 reau established within the Department of State, the

1 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the De-
2 partment of Defense, Department of Health and
3 Human Services, and any other federal agencies
4 deemed applicable on a case-by-case basis by the As-
5 sistant Secretary to maximize the efficiency and ef-
6 fectiveness of global health programs as best aligned
7 with the interests of the United States; and

8 (8) such other related duties as the Secretary
9 may from time to time designate.

10 **SEC. ____ . AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR**
11 **GLOBAL HEALTH SECURITY AND DIPLOMACY.**

12 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of the
13 funds authorized to be appropriated to the Under Sec-
14 retary for Foreign Assistance under section 604, the Am-
15 bassador-at- Large for Global Health Security and Diplo-
16 macy may receive the funds necessary to fulfill bureau
17 missions and responsibilities for fiscal year 2026 and
18 2027.

19 (b) ADMINISTRATION OF ACCOUNTS.—The Amba-
20 sador-at-Large for Global Health Security and Diplomacy
21 is authorized to direct, oversee, and otherwise exercise re-
22 sponsibility of funds made available for the Global Health
23 Programs Fund.

1 **SEC. ____ . BUREAU OF GLOBAL HEALTH SECURITY AND DI-**
2 **PLOMACY.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within
4 the Department a Bureau of Global Health Security and
5 Diplomacy, which shall perform such functions related to
6 global health, as the Secretary may prescribe.

7 (b) AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE.—The Bureau shall be
8 headed by an Ambassador-at- Large for Global Health Se-
9 curity and Diplomacy.

10 **SEC. ____ . CONSOLIDATION AUTHORITIES RELATES TO THE**
11 **AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE FOR GLOBAL**
12 **HEALTH SECURITY AND DIPLOMACY.**

13 Section 5562 of the National Defense Authorization
14 Act of 2022 (Pub. L. 117–263, div. E, title LV, subtitle
15 D) is amended by striking subsections (b) and (c).

16 (1) Strike subsection (b).

17 (2) Strike subsection (c).

18 **SEC. ____ . ALIGNMENT WITH CURRENT US INTERESTS RE-**
19 **GARDING HIV/AIDS.**

20 The following provisions of law are repealed:

21 (1) Subsections (a) through (e) and (g) of sec-
22 tion 104 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22
23 U.S.C. 2151b).

24 (2) Subsections (d)(8) and (e) of section 104A
25 of such Act (22 U.S.C. 2151b-2).

1 (3) Subsection (b) of section 403 of the United
2 States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis,
3 and Malaria Act of 2003 (22 U.S.C. 7673).

4 **SEC. ____ . DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR GLOBAL**
5 **FOOD SECURITY.**

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is authorized to be a
7 Deputy Assistant Secretary for Global Food Security in
8 the Department of State, who shall be responsible to the
9 Assistant Secretary for Migration and Disaster Assist-
10 ance.

11 (b) DUTIES.—The Deputy Assistant Secretary shall,
12 as appropriate.

13 (1) Coordinate the activities involved in global
14 food security assistance in bilateral, multilateral,
15 and regional fora; and

16 (2) Ensure that United States global food secu-
17 rity programs are aligned with United States foreign
18 policy objectives.

19 **SEC. ____ . OFFICE OF GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY.**

20 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within
21 the Department of State an Office of Global Food Security
22 (in this section referred to as the “Office”).

23 (b) LEADERSHIP.—The Office shall be headed by a
24 Deputy Assistant Secretary of Global Food Security, who
25 shall be appointed by the Secretary of State and shall re-

1 port to the Assistant Secretary for Migration and Disaster
2 Assistance.

3 (c) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Office shall be respon-
4 sible for carrying out—

5 (1) all responsibilities of the Department of
6 State relating to food security policy coordination,
7 diplomacy, and multilateral engagement; and

8 (2) coordinate with United States land-grant
9 universities that conduct agricultural research, dem-
10 onstrate outreach capacity, and advance American
11 leadership in global food security and sustainable ag-
12 ricultural development.

