

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 7605
OFFERED BY MR. AMO OF RHODE ISLAND**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

2 It is the sense of Congress that—

3 (1) the United States African Development
4 Foundation works with the people of African coun-
5 tries to support locally led development that pro-
6 motes safety, stability, and economic opportunity,
7 and thereby advances the security and economic in-
8 terests of the United States, by—

9 (A) investing directly in grassroots African
10 enterprises, local development, and social entre-
11 preneurs to create jobs, raise household in-
12 comes, and reduce poverty in underserved and
13 fragile communities;

14 (B) empowering women, youth, and
15 marginalized populations through small grants
16 and technical assistance that expand access to
17 food, foreign assistance, grant, loan, and loan
18 guarantees services;

1 (C) fostering stable, prosperous commu-
2 nities that are less vulnerable to conflict, extre-
3 mism, and displacement, thereby supporting re-
4 gional and global security;

5 (D) supporting the growth of inclusive
6 local markets and entrepreneurs that can be-
7 come long-term trading partners for United
8 States businesses;

9 (E) leveraging partnerships with African
10 governments, the private sector, and other do-
11 nors to multiply the impact of each dollar ap-
12 propriated by Congress; and

13 (F) demonstrating a cost-effective model of
14 foreign assistance that advances United States
15 values and strengthens bonds and under-
16 standing between African nations and the
17 United States; and

18 (2) the United States African Development
19 Foundation should take steps to responsibly update
20 its policies and procedures to manage fraud risk and
21 to ensure the appropriate use of funds, including by
22 adopting the policies and changes recommended by
23 the U.S. Agency for International Development Of-
24 fice of the Inspector General and the U.S. Govern-
25 ment Accountability Office.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to support and encourage the United States African Development Foundation to take steps to responsibly update its policies and procedures to manage fraud risk and to ensure the appropriate use of funds.”.

