116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. ____

To amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to monitor and combat anti-Semitism globally, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on __________________

A BILL

To amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to monitor and combat anti-Semitism globally, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Special Envoy to Mon-
itor and Combat Anti-Semitism Act”.

SEC. 2. FINDING.

Congress finds that since the Global Anti-Semitism
Review Act of 2004 was enacted, in many foreign coun-
tries acts of anti-Semitism have been frequent and wide
in scope, the perpetrators and variety of threats to Jewish
communities and their institutions have proliferated, and
in some countries anti-Semitic attacks have increased in
frequency, scope, violence, and deadliness.

SEC. 3. MONITORING AND COMBATING ANTI-SEMITISM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 59 of the
State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22
U.S.C. 2731) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) by inserting before the period at
the end the following: “, who shall be ap-
pointed by the President, by and with the
advice and consent of the Senate”; and

(ii) by adding at the end the following
new sentence: “The Special Envoy shall re-
port directly to the Secretary.”; and

(B) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) in the heading, by striking “Ap-
pointment” and inserting “Nomina-
tion”;

(ii) by striking the first sentence;

(iii) in the second sentence, by strik-
ing “If the Secretary determines that such
is appropriate, the Secretary may appoint”
and inserting “If the President determines
that such is appropriate, the President
may nominate”; and

(iv) in the third sentence, by striking
“The Secretary may allow such officer or
employee to retain the position (and the
responsibilities associated with such posi-
tion) held by such officer or employee prior
to the appointment” and inserting “Such
officer or employee may not retain the po-
sition (or the responsibilities associated
with such position) held by such officer or
employee prior to the nomination”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new
paragraphs:

“(3) DUTIES.—The Special Envoy shall serve
as the primary advisor to, and coordinate efforts
across, the United States Government relating to
monitoring and combating anti-Semitism and anti-
Semitic incitement that occur in foreign countries.

“(4) RANK AND STATUS OF AMBASSADOR.—
The Special Envoy shall have the rank of ambas-
sador.
“(5) QUALIFICATIONS.—The Special Envoy should be a person of recognized distinction in the field of—

“(A) combating anti-Semitism;

“(B) religious freedom; or

“(C) law enforcement.”.

(b) NOMINATION.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and not later than 120 after any such position becomes vacant, the President shall nominate the Special Envoy for Monitoring and Combating anti-Semitism under section 59 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956, as amended by subsection (a) of this section.