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To provide for the foreign assistance authority of the Department of State,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

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Department of State, and for other purposes.

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

3 **TITLE VI—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE**

4 **SECTION 601. UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN ASSIST-**
5 **ANCE.**

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There shall be in the Depart-
7 ment an Under Secretary for Foreign Assistance who shall
8 be responsible to the Secretary of State for matters per-
9 taining to the creation and maintenance of allies and part-
10 ners to United States interests abroad, and such other re-

1 lated duties as the Secretary may from time to time des-
2 ignate.

3 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—In addition to the respon-
4 sibilities described under subsection (a), the Under Sec-
5 retary for Foreign Assistance shall maintain continuous
6 observation and coordination of all matters pertaining to
7 assistance to foreign allies and partners in the conduct
8 of foreign policy, including, as appropriate—

9 (1) providing the strategic policy direction for,
10 and policy and programmatic oversight of, funds and
11 bureaus within the Under Secretary’s assigned juris-
12 diction; and

13 (2) overseeing and reviewing all matters per-
14 taining to human rights and humanitarian affairs,
15 including matters relating to prisoners of war and
16 members of the United States Armed Forces Miss-
17 ing in Action.

18 **SEC. 602. DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE OVERSIGHT.**

19 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is authorized to be es-
20 tablished in the Department a Director of United States
21 Foreign Assistance Oversight, who shall be responsible to
22 the Under Secretary for Foreign Assistance for matters
23 pertaining to coordination and strategic oversight of all
24 foreign assistance activities across the Department of

1 State, and such other related duties as the Secretary may
2 from time to time designate.

3 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—In addition to the respon-
4 sibilities described in subsection (a), the Director of
5 United States Foreign Assistance Oversight shall coordi-
6 nate and oversee the strategic direction, planning, and
7 budgeting of foreign assistance programs in the conduct
8 of foreign policy, including, as appropriate—

9 (1) developing and implementing comprehensive
10 foreign assistance strategies;

11 (2) coordinating interagency assistance plan-
12 ning;

13 (3) providing senior-level leadership for the
14 planning, operational management, and oversight of
15 foreign aid programming across the United States
16 Government;

17 (4) improving strategic coordination of, and
18 oversight over, all foreign assistance funding, focus-
19 ing on efficacy and strategy;

20 (5) integrating foreign assistance strategies
21 with the broader objectives of United States foreign
22 policy, including security, diplomacy, and develop-
23 ment coherence;

24 (6) supporting interagency collaboration on for-
25 eign assistance programs and policies of other agen-

1 cies and entities, including the Millennium Challenge
2 Corporation, the United States International Devel-
3 opment Finance Corporation, United States Depart-
4 ment of the Treasury, Trade and Development
5 Agency, and Export-Import Bank;

6 (7) generating data-driven performance assess-
7 ments and policy diagnostics for dissemination to
8 Congress and the Executive Office of the President;

9 (8) leading coordination and oversight of vet-
10 ting of foreign recipients of assistance, to ensure
11 compliance, accountability, and alignment with
12 United States foreign assistance policies; and

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

16 **SEC. 603. OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE OVERSIGHT.**

17 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary of State shall
18 establish an Office of Foreign Assistance Oversight, which
19 shall perform such functions related to department-wide
20 management of foreign assistance as the Under Secretary
21 for Foreign Assistance may prescribe.

22 (b) **HEAD OF OFFICE.**—The Director of Foreign As-
23 sistance Oversight shall be the head of the Office of For-
24 eign Assistance Oversight.

1 (c) FUNCTIONS.—The Office of Foreign Assistance
2 Oversight shall, as appropriate—

3 (1) support the Director of Foreign Assistance
4 Oversight in the development and implementation of
5 comprehensive foreign assistance strategies;

6 (2) coordinate interagency assistance planning
7 and align bilateral cooperation frameworks;

8 (3) coordinate and allocate United States for-
9 eign assistance funding across thematic and regional
10 areas;

11 (4) continually improve strategic coordination
12 of and oversight over all foreign assistance funding,
13 focusing on efficacy and strategy;

14 (5) generate data-driven performance assess-
15 ments and policy diagnostics for dissemination to
16 Congress and the Executive Office of the President;

17 (6) ensure monitoring, evaluation, and trans-
18 parency of foreign assistance programs; and

19 (7) perform such other duties as the Director
20 may from time to time designate.

21 **SEC. 604. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FOR-**
22 **EIGN ASSISTANCE.**

23 Of the funds authorized to be appropriated to the
24 Secretary of State under section 141, the Under Secretary
25 for Foreign Assistance shall receive the funds necessary

1 to fulfill the Under Secretary's responsibilities for fiscal
2 years 2026 and 2027.

3 **SEC. 605. CLASSIFICATION IN UNITED STATES CODE.**

4 The Office of Law Revision Counsel shall—

5 (1) utilize sections 160–190 of title 22, United
6 States Code, to classify the sections of this title; and

7 (2) maintain the legislative history, under edi-
8 torial notes, of repealed law which previously occu-
9 pied the corresponding sections of United States
10 Code.

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