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112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To authorize further assistance to Israel for the Iron Dome anti-missile defense system.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BERMAN (for himself, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. ACKERMAN, and Mr. CHABOT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Iron Dome Support
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The State of Israel remains under grave
2 threat and frequent attack from missiles, rockets,
3 and mortar shells fired at Israeli civilian targets by
4 militants from the Foreign Terrorist Organization
5 Hamas on its southern border and by the Foreign
6 Terrorist Organization Hezbollah on its northern
7 border, which have killed, wounded, or inflicted psy-
8 chological trauma on countless Israelis.

9 (2) The United States remains committed to
10 Israel's qualitative military edge, including its ad-
11 vantage over non-state actors such as Hezbollah and
12 Hamas, which boast increasingly sophisticated and
13 powerful weapons as a result of support from Iran,
14 Syria, and other state actors.

15 (3) The Israeli Defense Forces report that the
16 Iron Dome anti-missile defense system has achieved
17 a success rate of more than 90 percent, intercepting
18 rockets bound for residential neighborhoods, busy
19 road junctions, shopping centers, and crowded
20 streets in southern Israel.

21 (4) The recent success of the Iron Dome anti-
22 missile defense system averted massive Israeli cas-
23 ualties, thereby eliminating Israel's need to conduct
24 a ground-based attack against Gaza-based terrorists,
25 enhancing Israel's operational flexibility, and pre-

1 venting terrorists from plunging the region into cri-
2 sis whenever they choose.

3 (5) The United States can help to advance its
4 own vital national security interests and the cause of
5 Middle Eastern peace and stability by supporting
6 Israel's ability to defend itself against missiles, rock-
7 ets, and other threats.

8 (6) In 2010, President Obama requested funds
9 to help the State of Israel procure and maintain
10 Iron Dome missile batteries. The House of Rep-
11 resentatives then overwhelmingly passed the United
12 States-Israel Rocket and Missile Defense Coopera-
13 tion and Support Act.

14 (7) The Government of Israel currently has
15 three operational Iron Dome batteries deployed in
16 the field, which are far from sufficient to protect all
17 of Israel's territory.

18 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL FOR**
19 **IRON DOME ANTI-MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM.**

20 The President, acting through the Secretary of De-
21 fense and the Secretary of State, is authorized to provide
22 assistance, upon request by the Government of Israel, for
23 the procurement, maintenance, and sustainment of the
24 Iron Dome anti-missile defense system for purposes of
25 intercepting short-range missiles launched against Israel.