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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. Rubio introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on ____________

A BILL

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism Act of 2019”.

SEC. 2. FINDING.

Congress finds that since the Global Anti-Semitism Review Act of 2004 was enacted, in many foreign countries 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, but 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 position) held by such officer or employee prior to the appointment” and inserting “Such officer or employee may not retain the position (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.