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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CASTEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To prohibit the use of United States-origin defense articles in the West Bank and Gaza unless certain conditions are met, 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 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Ceasefire Compliance
5 Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS; STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
8 ings:

1 (1) On October 7, 2023, Hamas conducted a
2 brutal and horrific attack against the people of
3 Israel, killing more than 1,200 people, the vast ma-
4 jority of whom were civilians, and took more than
5 250 individuals hostage.

6 (2) Following the attack, the United States as-
7 sisted directly with the defense of Israel, including
8 through defensive air capabilities, weapons, equip-
9 ment, and related assistance to counter and deter re-
10 gional threats, demonstrating the United States'
11 commitment to Israel's security.

12 (3) Hamas has been severely degraded mili-
13 tarily and currently lacks the ability to conduct a
14 sustained attack against Israel similar in scope to
15 October 7, but still maintains a presence in Gaza
16 and recruited new militants during the Israel-Hamas
17 war.

18 (4) The best path forward to make a weakened
19 Hamas no longer able to rule Gaza or threaten
20 Israel is by replacing it with an alternative security
21 and governance mechanism that benefits the civil-
22 ians of Gaza.

23 (5) Israel's military operations in and policies
24 toward Gaza between October 2023 and February
25 2026 have killed over 70,000 Palestinians, a major-

1 ity of whom were civilians, and created an acute hu-
2 manitarian crisis, including famine in parts of the
3 territory in 2025.

4 (6) The United States helped negotiate a
5 ceasefire and hostage release agreement between
6 Israel and Hamas on October 10, 2025, that freed
7 the remaining hostages, provided much needed hu-
8 manitarian aid to Palestinians in Gaza, and laid the
9 groundwork for a broader regional peace through a
10 20-point plan.

11 (7) Violence and instability in the West Bank,
12 including settler violence, acts of de facto annex-
13 ation, such as the establishment of illegal outposts
14 and their retroactive legalization by the Israeli gov-
15 ernment, and broad threats of de jure annexation,
16 undermine the foreign policy objectives of the United
17 States, threaten to derail the ceasefire in Gaza, are
18 detrimental to Israel's security, and harm prospects
19 for broader regional peace and a future Palestinian
20 state.

21 (8) Settler violence in the West Bank directed
22 against Palestinians, including attacks on civilians
23 and property destruction, reached record high levels
24 in 2025.

1 (b) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
2 United States—

3 (1) to use all diplomatic tools to maintain the
4 October 10, 2025, ceasefire agreement and advance
5 the steps outlined in the 20-point plan to ensure se-
6 curity, freedom, and dignity for Israelis and Pal-
7 estinians alike;

8 (2) to affirm that sustained compliance by
9 Hamas with the October 10, 2025, ceasefire agree-
10 ment is essential, including by ceasing attacks, rear-
11 mament, and the rebuilding of military infrastruc-
12 ture, agreeing to a plan for step-by-step disar-
13 mament and refraining from conduct that under-
14 mines the ceasefire;

15 (3) to support the United Nations, ceasefire
16 mediators, and the broader international community
17 in fully implementing United Nations Security Coun-
18 cil Resolution 2803, and to oppose the use of the
19 Board of Peace to undermine or replace the role of
20 the United Nations in maintaining international
21 peace and security;

22 (4) to support an immediate and continued
23 surge in humanitarian assistance, provided by orga-
24 nizations that adhere to the core humanitarian prin-
25 ciples of humanity, impartiality, neutrality, and

1 independence, as well as to ensure sufficient access
2 to aid within Gaza to alleviate the humanitarian cri-
3 sis in the Gaza Strip;

4 (5) to help facilitate credible and transparent
5 Palestinian governance and security institutions in
6 the Gaza Strip that can act as viable alternatives to
7 Hamas and lead to its disarmament;

8 (6) to bring about conditions for a viable nego-
9 tiated two-state solution and preclude activities that
10 harm such prospects, including the permanent reoc-
11 cupation of the Gaza Strip, forced displacement of
12 Palestinian civilians from Gaza, annexation of the
13 West Bank, or continued settler violence in the West
14 Bank;

15 (7) to help defend Israel against credible
16 threats of terrorism and military attacks, including
17 by mobilizing missile defense systems; and

18 (8) to ensure United States-origin defense arti-
19 cles are used in compliance with United States law.

20 **SEC. 3. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

21 Nothing in this Act may be construed to prevent the
22 United States from—

23 (1) defending against an attack on the United
24 States or its personnel or facilities in other coun-
25 tries;

1 (2) collecting, analyzing, or sharing intelligence,
2 including with Israel and other countries as appro-
3 priate; or

4 (3) assisting Israel and other countries—

5 (A) in taking defensive measures to protect
6 their territory from terrorist and other external
7 threats;

8 (B) in responding to contingencies that im-
9 pact regional security or stability; or

10 (C) by providing material for missile de-
11 fense articles and systems, including Iron
12 Dome, David's Sling, and Arrow 3 maintenance
13 and resupply.

14 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITION ON SALE, EXPORT, OR TRANSFER OF**
15 **UNITED STATES-ORIGIN DEFENSE ARTICLES**
16 **TO ISRAEL AND RESTRICTION ON PRE-**
17 **VIOUSLY PROVIDED ARTICLES.**

18 (a) REPORT.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after
20 the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 90
21 days thereafter, the Secretary of State, in coordina-
22 tion with the Secretary of Defense and the Director
23 of National Intelligence, shall submit to the appro-
24 priate committees of Congress and make publicly

1 available a report that certifies that during the re-
2 porting period—

3 (A) the Government of Israel has not en-
4 gaged in military operations in the Gaza Strip
5 in violation of the ceasefire agreed to on Octo-
6 ber 10, 2025;

7 (B) the Government of Israel has engaged
8 constructively in negotiations to fully implement
9 the 20-point plan outlined in the October 10
10 agreement;

11 (C) the Government of Israel has ensured
12 unimpeded humanitarian aid is being sent to
13 and granted entry into the Gaza Strip, in quan-
14 tities sufficient to meet civilian humanitarian
15 needs and at a minimum consistent with those
16 of the January 19, 2025, agreement, including
17 by—

18 (i) predictably allowing the range of
19 necessary aid to enter, including diversi-
20 fied, nutrition-based foods; medicines; shel-
21 ter; and a combination of commercial
22 goods as well as humanitarian assistance;

23 (ii) granting necessary registrations,
24 visas, and other permissions to NGOs and

1 entities able to provide aid without exces-
2 sive burden;

3 (iii) ensuring safe passage for aid
4 workers through IDF controlled areas and
5 continued deconfliction; and

6 (iv) allowing rehabilitation of infra-
7 structure, rehabilitation of hospitals and
8 bakeries, and entry of necessary equipment
9 to remove debris, perform demining oper-
10 ations, and open roads;

11 (D) the Government of Israel has ensured
12 that—

13 (i) no civilians are forced to leave the
14 Gaza Strip against their will;

15 (ii) civilians who wish to leave the
16 Gaza Strip are free to do so; and

17 (iii) civilians who have left since Octo-
18 ber 7, 2023, or will leave the Gaza Strip
19 are free to return;

20 (E) the Government of Israel has ensured
21 that there will be no permanent occupation or
22 annexation of territory in the Gaza Strip;

23 (F) the Government of Israel has halted all
24 aerial and artillery bombardment and with-
25 drawn all Israeli Defense Forces to the agreed-

1 upon line, and that battle lines continue to re-
2 main frozen until conditions are met for the
3 complete staged withdrawal, in accordance with
4 the United States 20-point plan for Gaza an-
5 nounced on September 29, 2025;

6 (G) the Government of Israel has taken
7 verifiable steps to cooperate with Arab and
8 other international partners to allow a tem-
9 porary transitional government in the Gaza
10 Strip consisting of a technocratic, Palestinian
11 committee, responsible for delivering the day-to-
12 day running of public services and municipali-
13 ties for the people in Gaza and to ultimately en-
14 sure a pathway for a reformed Palestinian Au-
15 thority to assume the governance of the Gaza
16 Strip, in accordance with the United States 20-
17 point plan for Gaza announced on September
18 29, 2025;

19 (H) the Government of Israel has not
20 served as an impediment to the establishment
21 and deployment of a temporary International
22 Stabilization Force that will train and provide
23 support to Palestinian police forces in the Gaza
24 Strip, which will become the long-term internal
25 security solution in Gaza, in accordance with

1 the United States 20-point plan for Gaza an-
2 nounced on September 29, 2025;

3 (I) the Government of Israel has com-
4 mitted and continues to ensure that there will
5 be no de facto or de jure annexation of territory
6 in the West Bank; and

7 (J) the Government of Israel has taken
8 material steps to enforce the law in the West
9 Bank and prevent attacks by settlers on Pal-
10 estinians and has enforced procedures that pre-
11 vent IDF troops from escorting and enabling
12 settlers committing attacks.

13 (2) DEFINITION.—For purposes of paragraph
14 (1)(G), the phrase “has taken verifiable steps to co-
15 operate with Arab and other international partners
16 and allow a temporary transitional government in
17 the Gaza Strip consisting of a technocratic Pales-
18 tinian committee” means that the Secretary of
19 State, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense
20 and the Director of National Intelligence, determines
21 and certifies that the Government of Israel has—

22 (A) taken affirmative steps within its con-
23 trol to facilitate the deployment and functioning
24 of such committee, including through the
25 issuance of necessary permits, provision of safe

1 passage, and facilitation of the movement into
2 and within the Gaza Strip of personnel, equip-
3 ment, and financial resources necessary for the
4 committee to perform its functions;

5 (B) refrained from actions that materially
6 obstruct, delay, or undermine the establishment
7 or operation of such committee, including the
8 arbitrary denial of access or the imposition of
9 conditions inconsistent with the 20-point plan
10 described in paragraph (1)(B); and

11 (C) not directly or indirectly financed, fa-
12 cilitated, or enabled any person or organization,
13 including through intermediaries, third-party
14 pass-throughs, or other covert or informal chan-
15 nels, for the purpose of materially obstructing,
16 delaying, undermining, or sabotaging the Octo-
17 ber 10, 2025 ceasefire, the 20-point plan, or the
18 establishment or operation of the transitional
19 governance and security arrangements de-
20 scribed in paragraphs (1)(G) and (H).

21 (b) DETERMINATION AS BASIS FOR CERTIFI-
22 CATION.—The certification in subsection (a) shall be
23 based on an interagency assessment led by the Secretary
24 of State and conducted in coordination with the Director
25 of National Intelligence and the Secretary of Defense re-

1 garding Israel's progress toward meeting the conditions
2 described in subparagraphs (A) through (J) of subsection
3 (a)(1). In preparing the certification, the Secretary of
4 State shall consider all relevant information, including in-
5 telligence reporting and credible public reporting.

6 (c) FORM.—The reports required by subsection (a)
7 shall be submitted in unclassified form but may contain
8 a classified annex.

9 (d) PROHIBITIONS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—If the certification in sub-
11 section (a) concludes that the Government of Israel
12 is in violation of any of the conditions described in
13 subparagraphs (A) through (J) of subsection
14 (a)(1)—

15 (A) the United States shall not authorize
16 or permit the sale, export, or transfer of any
17 United States-origin defense articles to Israel,
18 provided through any source or existing author-
19 ity, for end use in the West Bank or Gaza;

20 (B) the sale, export, or transfer of any de-
21 fense article to Israel shall only take place pur-
22 suant to a Letter of Offer and Acceptance or
23 export license that requires that the Govern-
24 ment of Israel will not use such articles in the
25 West Bank or Gaza; and

1 (C) the Secretary of State, in coordination
2 with the Secretary of Defense and the Director
3 of National Intelligence, shall establish an
4 agreement with the Government of Israel that
5 any United States-origin defense articles sold,
6 exported, or transferred to Israel prior to the
7 date of the submission of the certification de-
8 scribed in subsection (a) are prohibited from
9 being used in the West Bank or Gaza.

10 (2) SUNSET.—The prohibitions in paragraph
11 (1) shall remain in effect until a certification in sub-
12 section (a) concludes that Israel has come into com-
13 pliance with all conditions described in subpara-
14 graphs (A) through (J) of subsection (a)(1).

15 (e) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
16 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
17 tees of Congress” means—

18 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
19 Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on
20 Appropriations, and the Permanent Select Com-
21 mittee on Intelligence of the House of Representa-
22 tives; and

23 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the
24 Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on

1 Appropriations, and the Select Committee on Intel-
2 ligence of the Senate.

3 **SEC. 5. END USE MONITORING GROUP.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Immediately after the enact-
5 ment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in coordination
6 with the Secretary of Defense and the Director of National
7 Intelligence, shall take such steps as may be necessary to
8 establish an end use monitoring group that shall serve to
9 monitor whether United States-origin defense articles are
10 being used in the West Bank or Gaza.

11 (b) REPORT.—During such time as the prohibitions
12 described in section 4(d) are in force, the end use moni-
13 toring group established by subsection (a) shall submit to
14 the appropriate committees of Congress a report every 60
15 days that certifies whether Israel is using United States-
16 origin defense articles in the West Bank or Gaza.

17 (c) PROHIBITION.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—If the report in subsection
19 (b) concludes that Israel is using United States-ori-
20 gin defense articles in the West Bank or Gaza, then
21 the United States shall not authorize the sale, ex-
22 port, or transfer of any United States-origin defense
23 articles to Israel.

24 (2) WAIVER.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—The President may
2 waive the prohibition in paragraph (1) for a
3 specific sale, export, or transfer of defense arti-
4 cles to Israel only if the President—

5 (i) determines and certifies to the ap-
6 propriate congressional committees that
7 such waiver is vital to the national security
8 of the United States; and

9 (ii) not fewer than 15 days before au-
10 thorizing such sale, export, or transfer,
11 submits such certification, to—

12 (I) the chair and ranking minor-
13 ity member of the Committee on For-
14 eign Affairs of the House of Rep-
15 resentatives; and

16 (II) the chair and ranking minor-
17 ity member of the Committee on For-
18 eign Relations of the Senate.

19 (B) FORM.—A certification under this
20 paragraph shall be submitted in unclassified
21 form but may contain a classified annex, and
22 shall include—

23 (i) a detailed description of the na-
24 ture, quantity, and estimated value of the
25 defense articles to be transferred;

1 (ii) a description of the specific na-
2 tional security interests of the United
3 States that would be directly and materi-
4 ally advanced by the waiver; and

5 (iii) an explanation of why no feasible
6 alternative to the waiver exists to achieve
7 those interests.

8 (3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this
9 subsection may be construed to limit the obligation
10 or expenditure of any funds appropriated for air de-
11 fense systems, including Iron Dome, David’s Sling,
12 and Arrow 3 systems.

13 (4) SUNSET.—The prohibition in paragraph (1)
14 shall remain in effect until a certification in sub-
15 section (b) concludes that Israel is not using United
16 States-origin defense articles in the West Bank or
17 Gaza.

18 (d) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
19 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
20 tees of Congress” means—

21 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
22 Committee on Armed Services, and the Permanent
23 Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of
24 Representatives; and

1 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the
2 Committee on Armed Services, and the Select Com-
3 mittee on Intelligence of the Senate.

4 **SEC. 6. RULES OF CONSTRUCTION RELATING TO THE**
5 **BOARD OF PEACE.**

6 (a) **LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPER-**
7 **ATING SUPPORT.**—Nothing in this Act, the October 10,
8 2025, ceasefire agreement, the 20 point plan, or any re-
9 lated framework may be construed to authorize the obliga-
10 tion or expenditure of funds by, for, or on behalf of the
11 Board of Peace for its administrative expenses, operating
12 costs, or personnel support, or to authorize any Federal
13 department or agency to obligate or expend funds for such
14 administrative expenses, operating costs, or personnel sup-
15 port, except as expressly authorized by an Act of Congress
16 and provided in advance in an appropriations Act.

17 (b) **NO DISPLACEMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS OR**
18 **OTHER AUTHORITIES.**—Nothing in this Act, the October
19 10, 2025, ceasefire agreement, the 20 point plan, or any
20 related framework may be construed to grant the Board
21 of Peace authority that supersedes the role or authorities
22 of the United Nations under the Charter of the United
23 Nations or otherwise supersedes any applicable provision
24 of United States or international law.

1 (c) PRESERVATION OF ASSISTANCE FOR GAZA.—
2 Nothing in this Act may be construed to limit the obliga-
3 tion or expenditure of funds for humanitarian assistance,
4 stabilization, reconstruction, or other assistance for Gaza
5 that is otherwise authorized by law and provided in an
6 appropriations Act.

7 **SEC. 7. TERMINATION.**

8 The authorities provided by this Act shall cease to
9 have effect on the date that is 5 years after the date of
10 the enactment of this Act.