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House Committee Marks Up Anti-Israel Incitement Bill

On Sept. 17, a House Foreign Affairs subcommittee held a mark-up for a new resolution concerning anti-Israel and anti-Semitic incitement within the Palestinian Authority (PA). Authored by the subcommittee's Chairman Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) and Ranking Member Rep. Ted Deutch (D-FL), the bill directs the State Department to regularly monitor and publish information on all official incitement by the PA against Jews and the state of Israel. "We must do more to hold the PA accountable for its anti-Israel incitement, we must do more to encourage the PA to discontinue its incitement to violence against Israel, and we must work to do more to support and encourage those individuals and organizations working to promote cooperation between Israelis and Palestinians," said Rep. Ros-Lehtinen in a statement. Rep. Deutch also said in a statement, "President Abbas came to power on a platform of non-violence. He speaks of his desire for peace, but using inflammatory language and failing to speak out against anti-Semitism and incitement simply gives the appearance of condoning it. Violence cannot be condoned, and those truly seeking peace must speak out."