

111TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5327

AN ACT

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

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “United States-Israel
3 Rocket and Missile Defense Cooperation and Support
4 Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

6 Congress finds the following:

7 (1) The Jewish State of Israel, as a close and
8 indispensable ally of the United States, with whom
9 the United States enjoys mutually-beneficial mili-
10 tary, intelligence, homeland security, scientific, tech-
11 nological, and other cooperation, deserves all nec-
12 essary assistance to defend itself and its citizens
13 from the many threats that it continues to face.

14 (2) The State of Israel has been under grave
15 threat and frequent attack from missiles, rockets,
16 and mortar shells fired at Israeli civilian targets by
17 militants from the Foreign Terrorist Organization
18 Hamas on its southern border and by the Foreign
19 Terrorist Organization Hezbollah on its northern
20 border, which have killed, wounded, or inflicted psy-
21 chological trauma on countless Israelis.

22 (3) The United States remains committed to
23 Israel’s qualitative military edge, including its ad-
24 vantage over non-state actors such as Hamas and
25 Hezbollah, which boast increasingly sophisticated

1 and powerful weapons as a result of support from
2 Iran, Syria, and other state actors.

3 (4) Regional stability and lasting peace between
4 Israel and the Palestinians requires that Israel can
5 ensure the safety of its population against rocket,
6 missile, and other threats.

7 (5) The United States can help to advance its
8 own vital national security interests and the cause of
9 peace by supporting Israel’s ability to defend itself
10 against rocket, missile, and other threats.

11 (6) The State of Israel announced in January
12 2010 the successful testing of its Iron Dome Short
13 Range Artillery Rocket Defense System which is de-
14 signed to intercept short-range rockets, missiles, and
15 mortars launched by militants in Gaza and southern
16 Lebanon.

17 (7) In the face of threats from its neighbors
18 and non-state actors, Israel historically has sought
19 the means to defend itself, by itself.

20 (8) President Barack Obama has stated: “Our
21 commitment to Israel’s security is unshakable.”.

22 (9) Vice President Joe Biden has stated:
23 “From my experience, the one precondition for
24 progress is that the rest of the world knows this—

1 there is no space between the U.S. and Israel when
2 it comes to security—none.”.

3 (10) Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates has
4 stated: “President Obama has affirmed, the United
5 States commitment to Israel’s security is
6 unshakable, and our defense relationship is stronger
7 than ever, to the mutual benefit of both nations.”.

8 (11) President Obama recently requested funds
9 to help the State of Israel procure and maintain
10 Iron Dome missile batteries.

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

13 The President, acting through the Secretary of De-
14 fense and the Secretary of State, is authorized to provide
15 assistance to the Government of Israel for the procure-
16 ment, maintenance, and sustainment of the Iron Dome
17 Short Range Artillery Rocket Defense System for pur-
18 poses of intercepting short-range rockets, missiles, and
19 mortars launched against Israel.

Passed the House of Representatives May 20, 2010.

Attest:

Clerk.

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