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To amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to modify the duties of the Special Presidential Envoy for the Abraham Accords, Negev Forum, and Related Normalization Agreements, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas (for himself, Mrs. WAGNER, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. BACON, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. YAKYM, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. McDOWELL, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. ISSA, Mr. MESSMER, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. VAN ORDEN, and Mr. LAWLER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Abraham Accords Ex-
3 pansion Act of 2026”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) The Abraham Accords, signed in 2020, es-
7 tablished a historic framework for normalization of
8 relations between Israel and several countries in the
9 Middle East and North Africa.

10 (2) Central Asia and the Caucasus are strategi-
11 cally significant regions with shared security, eco-
12 nomic, and diplomatic interests relevant to the objec-
13 tives of the Abraham Accords.

14 (3) Expansion of normalization frameworks to
15 these regions would advance the national security
16 and economic interests of the United States.

17 (4) Kazakhstan has demonstrated regional lead-
18 ership by becoming the first country in Central Asia
19 to join the Abraham Accords on November 6, 2025,
20 thereby advancing normalization, economic coopera-
21 tion, and shared interests in the region.

22 (5) The Special Envoy should expand normal-
23 ization efforts to additional regions, including the
24 Indo-Pacific, Central Asia, the Caucasus, and be-
25 yond.

1 **SEC. 3. PRESIDENTIAL ENVOY FOR THE ABRAHAM AC-**
2 **CORDS, NEGEV FORUM, AND RELATED INTE-**
3 **GRATION AND NORMALIZATION FORA AND**
4 **AGREEMENTS.**

5 Section 64 of the State Department Basic Authorities
6 Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2735a) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (d)(2)(B), by striking “the
8 Indo-Pacific region, and beyond” and inserting “the
9 Indo-Pacific region, Central Asia and the Caucasus,
10 and beyond”;

11 (2) by striking subsection (i);

12 (3) by striking subsection (j) and inserting the
13 following:

14 “(i) INTERAGENCY COORDINATION.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Special Envoy shall co-
16 ordinate with the heads of relevant Federal depart-
17 ments and agencies in carrying out subsection (d),
18 including the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of
19 Commerce, and the Secretary of Energy.

20 “(2) USE OF EXISTING AUTHORITIES.—The
21 Special Envoy shall, to the maximum extent prac-
22 ticable, implement the policy and objectives of the
23 United States in Central Asia and the Caucasus
24 using programs and authorities that existed prior to
25 the date of the enactment of this subsection.

1 “(3) NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.—

2 No funds are authorized to be appropriated to carry
3 out this subsection.

4 “(j) DEPUTY SPECIAL ENVOY.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Special Envoy may
6 designate a Deputy Special Envoy to assist in car-
7 rying out subsection (d).

8 “(2) QUALIFICATIONS.—To the extent prac-
9 ticable, an individual designated under paragraph
10 (1) should possess relevant regional expertise.

11 “(3) STAFFING.—The Special Envoy shall en-
12 sure appropriate staffing to support activities under
13 subsection (d).”; and

14 (4) in subsection (k), by adding at the end the
15 following:

16 “(8) CAUCASUS.—The term ‘Caucasus’ means
17 Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia.

18 “(9) CENTRAL ASIA.—The term ‘Central Asia’
19 means Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan,
20 Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.”.

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