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To prohibit United States funds to the Palestinian Authority.

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Mrs. STEEL introduced the following bill

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Prohibit U.S. Funds
5 to the Palestinian Authority Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON UNITED STATES FUNDS TO THE**

7 **PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—No funds available to any United
9 States Government department or agency to carry out the
10 provisions of chapter 4 of part II of the Foreign Assist-
11 ance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2346 et seq.) for any fiscal

1 year may be obligated or expended with respect to pro-
2 viding funds to the Palestinian Authority unless with re-
3 spect to such fiscal year—

4 (1) an independent audit of the budget of the
5 Palestinian Authority is conducted by a United
6 States nongovernmental or private organization or
7 entity and the Secretary of State submits such audit
8 to Congress; and

9 (2) the Secretary of State certifies to Congress
10 that the Palestinian Authority, at a minimum, meets
11 the requirements of paragraphs (1) to (8) of sub-
12 section (b).

13 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The requirements described in
14 this subsection are that the Palestinian Authority—

15 (1) does not manipulate or inappropriately in-
16 fluence in any way the outcome of presidential or
17 legislative elections in areas controlled by the Pales-
18 tinian Authority;

19 (2) is advancing democratic ideals by actively
20 promoting human rights and ending government cor-
21 ruption through increased efficiency and trans-
22 parency in all government agencies and initiatives;

23 (3) regularly and strongly condemns terrorism;

24 (4) has taken, and plans to continue to take,
25 tangible steps to disavow terrorism, dismantle ter-

1 rorist infrastructures, confiscate unauthorized weap-
2 ons, arrest and bring terrorists to justice, consoli-
3 date and control the Palestinian security organiza-
4 tions, and end the incitement to violence and hatred
5 in the Palestinian media, educational institutions,
6 mosques, and other institutions;

7 (5) has ceased to participate in any economic,
8 educational, cultural, or other boycott of Israel, its
9 citizens, its products, or its services;

10 (6) recognizes Israel’s right to exist as a Jewish
11 state and conducts diplomatic relations with the
12 State of Israel in the same manner and to the same
13 extent as it conducts diplomatic relations with any
14 other country; and

15 (7) has either excluded Hamas from partici-
16 pating in a unity government or, if not, has required
17 Hamas to explicitly and publicly support the require-
18 ments of paragraphs (1) to (7) of this subsection.

19 (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—This section takes effect on
20 the date of the enactment of this Act and applies with
21 respect to funds available for fiscal year 2024 and subse-
22 quent fiscal years.

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