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119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To require the Secretary State to submit to Congress a strategy to dismantle United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East operations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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 “Replace UNRWA with
5 Real Humanitarian Assistance Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STRATEGY TO DISMANTLE UNITED NATIONAL RE-**
2 **LIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE**
3 **REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST OPERATIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
5 date of enactment of this section, the Secretary of State
6 shall submit to Congress a comprehensive strategy, coordi-
7 nated with international partners and allies, to dismantle
8 United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine
9 Refugees in the Near East (in this section “UNRWA”)
10 operations throughout the Middle East.

11 (b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy shall include—

12 (1) a detailed plan and timeline for the phased
13 wind-down of UNRWA operations;

14 (2) an assessment of all UNRWA programs, in-
15 cluding education, healthcare, social services, and in-
16 frastructure;

17 (3) identification of appropriate entities to as-
18 sume responsibility for such programs, including—

19 (A) host country governments; or

20 (B) qualified international or non-govern-
21 mental organizations;

22 (4) identification of entities to assume responsi-
23 bility for funding such programs;

24 (5) a plan to ensure continuity of services dur-
25 ing the transition period;

1 (6) mechanisms to ensure neutrality, account-
2 ability, transparency, and oversight in successor pro-
3 grams;

4 (7) a risk-reward assessment addressing hu-
5 manitarian, political, and security implications;

6 (8) a diplomatic engagement plan with host
7 countries and international partners; and

8 (9) estimated costs and savings associated with
9 the transition and recommendations for funding
10 structures.

11 (c) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 1 year after
12 submission of the strategy, the Secretary of State shall
13 begin implementation of such strategy.

14 (d) COORDINATION.—The strategy shall be imple-
15 mented in coordination with—

16 (1) relevant Federal departments and agencies;

17 (2) host country governments;

18 (3) international organizations; and

19 (4) any other implementing partners the Sec-
20 retary of State determines appropriate.

21 (e) CONTINUATION OF SERVICES; MINIMUM STAND-
22 ARDS.—In carrying out the implementation of the strat-
23 egy, the Secretary of State shall ensure that—

24 (1) no interruption of critical humanitarian
25 services occurs; and

- 1 (2) all successor entities meet minimum stand-
- 2 ards for transparency and accountability.