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To enhance bilateral defense cooperation between the United States and Israel, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BUDD (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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**A BILL**

To enhance bilateral defense cooperation between the United States and Israel, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3   **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “United States–Israel Framework for Upgraded Technologies, Unified Research, and Enhanced Security (FUTURES) Act of 2026”.

7   **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

8       It is the sense of Congress that—

9                   (1) the United States and Israel—

1 (A) are bound by shared democratic val-  
2 ues, strategic interests, and deep cultural and  
3 technological ties; and

(B) can benefit from further joint innovation and rapid technology deployment in facing common and evolving security challenges;

11 (3) as a global leader and innovator in the de-  
12 velopment of defense technology, Israel is a close  
13 foreign defense partner of the United States;

14 (4) on September 14, 2016, the United States  
15 and Israel signed a 10-year memorandum of under-  
16 standing reaffirming the importance of continuing  
17 annual United States military assistance to Israel  
18 and cooperative missile defense programs in a way  
19 that enhances the security and bilateral relationship  
20 between the two countries;

21 (5) the United States-Israel defense partnership,  
22 through sustained joint research and development,  
23 has yielded critical advances in both countries'  
24 national security capabilities in areas such as missile

1 defense, directed energy, counter drone, anti-tun-  
2 neling, counterterrorism, and emerging technologies;

3 (6) to maintain Israel's qualitative military edge  
4 while deterring adversaries and ensuring mutual se-  
5 curity, the United States and Israel must expand co-  
6 operation in emerging domains; and

7 (7) to grow American technological supremacy,  
8 the United States must leverage the unique capabili-  
9 ties offered by each country and more rapidly inte-  
10 grate jointly developed and Israeli-origin defense  
11 technologies into United States military systems,  
12 programs of record, and the defense industrial base.

13 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNITED STATES-ISRAEL**  
14 **DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION INI-**  
15 **TIATIVE.**

16 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary of Defense,  
17 with the concurrence of the Minister of Defense of Israel,  
18 shall establish a cooperative initiative, to be known as the  
19 “United States–Israel Defense Technology Cooperation  
20 Initiative”, to expand and accelerate bilateral defense  
21 technology research, development, testing, evaluation, in-  
22 tegration, and industrial cooperation by—

23 (1) identifying jointly developed or Israeli-origin  
24 technologies with operational utility for integration  
25 into United States systems and programs of record;

7 (3) facilitating the transition of technologies  
8 from research and development into procurement  
9 and acquisition pathways;

10 (4) establishing frameworks for joint ventures,  
11 licensing agreements, and United States-based co-  
12 production or manufacturing partnerships with  
13 Israeli industry;

14 (5) coordinating with relevant Department of  
15 Defense components, including the Irregular War-  
16 fare Technical Support Directorate, capability devel-  
17 opment and innovation divisions, the Defense Inno-  
18 vation Unit, the United States-Israel Operations  
19 Technology Working Group, the Defense Advanced  
20 Research Projects Agency, the Missile Defense  
21 Agency and United States Space Command, and the  
22 military services, to align efforts and avoid duplica-  
23 tion; and

(6) promoting joint training exercises and information-sharing mechanisms to enhance operational readiness to deploy jointly developed technologies.

4 (b) INITIATIVE DOMAINS.—The Initiative shall be  
5 carried out through cooperative efforts in domains such  
6 as the following:

7 (1) Counter-Unmanned Systems including aer-  
8 ial, maritime, and ground platforms.

## 9 (2) Anti-tunneling and subterranean threats.

10 (3) Missile and air defense technologies, includ-  
11 ing Golden Dome for America.

12 (4) Artificial intelligence, quantum, machine  
13 learning, and autonomous systems.

14 (5) Directed energy and advanced sensing.

15 (6) Cyber defense, electronic warfare, and dig-  
16 ital resilience.

17 (7) Biotechnology, biomanufacturing, and med-  
18 ical defense.

19 (8) Network integration, data fusion, and con-  
20 tested logistics.

(9) Defense industrial base cooperation, manufacturing, and co-production.

23 (10) Other emerging technologies as jointly  
24 agreed by the United States and Israel.

1           (c) ACTIVITIES IN COORDINATION WITH OTHER  
2 FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES.—The Sec-  
3 retary of Defense shall coordinate activities under the Ini-  
4 tiative with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Com-  
5 merce, and the heads of other relevant Federal depart-  
6 ments and agencies, to ensure consistency with existing  
7 laws and regulations.

8 **SEC. 4. REPORTING.**

9           (a) INTERIM PROGRESS UPDATE.—Not later than  
10 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
11 retary of Defense shall provide to the congressional de-  
12 fense committees an interim briefing or written update de-  
13 scribing—

14           (1) steps taken to stand up the initiative;  
15           (2) early coordination with Israeli counterparts;  
16           (3) initial technology areas identified for accel-  
17 erated cooperation and technologies with operational  
18 utility for integration into United States systems  
19 and programs of record;  
20           (4) Department of Defense components des-  
21 ignated to lead implementation; and  
22           (5) any early transition, prototyping, or integra-  
23 tion activities initiated during the period covered by  
24 the update.

1       (b) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after  
2 the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter,  
3 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional  
4 defense committees a report on implementation of the pro-  
5 gram established under this section. Each such report  
6 shall include—

7               (1) a description of activities conducted under  
8 the program;

9               (2) an assessment of progress made in advanc-  
10 ing shared national security interests;

11               (3) an assessment of the program's collabora-  
12 tion with other relevant Federal programs, including  
13 the United States-Israel operations-technology work-  
14 ing group and United States-Israel cooperative pro-  
15 grams run by the capability development and inno-  
16 vation division and the irregular warfare technical  
17 support directorate;

18               (4) a description of technologies transitioned  
19 into United States acquisition programs or fielded  
20 systems;

21               (5) a description of partnerships established  
22 with United States and Israeli industry; and

23               (6) recommendations for future priorities and  
24 assessment of resource needs, including further au-  
25 thorities necessary to promote the long-term integra-

1       tion of joint capabilities between the United States  
2       and Israel.

3       (c) FORM.—Each report required under subsection  
4 (b) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may in-  
5 clude a classified annex.

6       (d) PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY.—The Secretary of De-  
7 fense shall make available on a publicly accessible website  
8 of the Department of Defense periodic, unclassified up-  
9 dates, to the maximum extent practicable, on activities  
10 conducted under the Initiative, including a description of  
11 how these activities contribute to American technological  
12 and military supremacy. Such updates shall be made in  
13 a manner that ensures that classified information or other  
14 information that would compromise operational security,  
15 export controls, or sensitive technology are not released.

16       (e) CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES DE-  
17 FINED.—In this Act, the term “congressional defense  
18 committees” means the Committees on Appropriations  
19 and Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Rep-  
20 resentatives.

21 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22       There is authorized to be appropriated \$150,000,000  
23 for each of fiscal years 2027 through 2029 to carry out  
24 this Act.