

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To limit foreign assistance to the Palestinian Authority or any other Palestinian governing entity in the West Bank and Gaza.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—118th Cong., 2d Sess.

H. R. 2872

To amend the Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013 to allow the Secretary of the Interior to issue electronic stamps under such Act, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. PAUL to the
amendment (No. 1381) proposed by Mrs. MURRAY

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 **SEC. ____ . PROHIBITION ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TO THE**
3 **PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY OR ANY OTHER**
4 **PALESTINIAN GOVERNING ENTITY IN THE**
5 **WEST BANK AND GAZA.**

6 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
7 ings:

8 (1) On October 7, 2023, the terrorist organiza-
9 tion Hamas conducted a brutal attack against
10 Israel, killing some 1,200 innocent men, women, and

1 children, and taking approximately 250 people hos-
2 tage.

3 (2) At least 33 United States citizens lost their
4 lives in the October 7, 2023, attack.

5 (3) At least 6 United States citizens remain un-
6 accounted for and presumed taken captive by
7 Hamas.

8 (4) Hamas continues to fire rockets indiscrimi-
9 nately toward Israel.

10 (5) Hamas was designated as a foreign terrorist
11 organization by the United States in October 1997.

12 (6) On November 26, 2023, a spokesperson for
13 the Israel Defense Forces said that 770 “terrorism
14 events” were carried out by Palestinians in the West
15 Bank since October 7, 2023, including shootings and
16 hurling stones and Molotov cocktails.

17 (7) The United States provided more than
18 \$7,600,000,000 in bilateral assistance to Palestin-
19 ians in the West Bank and Gaza since 1993.

20 (8) The United States obligated more than
21 \$280,000,000 to the West Bank and Gaza in 2023.

22 (9) The Department of State’s West Bank and
23 Gaza 2022 Human Rights Report identified signifi-
24 cant human rights issues with respect to the Pales-
25 tinian Authority, including credible reports of unlaw-

1 ful or arbitrary killings by Palestinian Authority of-
2 ficials, torture or cruel, inhumane, or degrading
3 treatment or punishments by Palestinian Authority
4 officials, arbitrary arrest or detention of political
5 prisoners and detainees, and significant problems
6 with the independence of the judiciary.

7 (10) The report identified the Palestinian Au-
8 thority committing arbitrary or unlawful interference
9 with privacy; serious restrictions on freedom of ex-
10 pression and media, including violence, threats of vi-
11 olence, unjustified detentions and prosecutions of
12 journalists, and censorship; and serious restrictions
13 on internet freedom.

14 (11) The report identified the Palestinian Au-
15 thority committing substantial interference with the
16 freedom of peaceful assembly and freedom of asso-
17 ciation, including harassment of nongovernmental
18 organizations, serious and unreasonable restrictions
19 on political participation, including no national elec-
20 tions since 2006, and serious government corruption.

21 (12) The report found that the Palestinian Au-
22 thority did not adequately investigate or hold ac-
23 countable gender-based violence, and crimes, vio-
24 lence, and threats of violence motivated by anti-Sem-
25 itism.

1 (b) PROHIBITION ON ASSISTANCE TO PALESTINIAN
2 AUTHORITY AND OTHER GOVERNING ENTITIES IN THE
3 WEST BANK AND GAZA.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under
5 paragraph (2) and notwithstanding any other provi-
6 sion of law, no amounts may be obligated or ex-
7 pended to provide any direct United States assist-
8 ance, loan guarantee, or debt relief to the Pales-
9 tinian Authority or any other Palestinian governing
10 entity in the West Bank and Gaza.

11 (2) EXCEPTION.—The prohibition under para-
12 graph (1) shall have no effect for a fiscal year if the
13 President certifies to Congress during that fiscal
14 year that—

15 (A) the Palestinian Authority, or other
16 Palestinian governing entity in the West Bank
17 and Gaza, has—

18 (i) formally recognized the right of
19 Israel to exist as a Jewish state;

20 (ii) publicly recognized the state of
21 Israel;

22 (iii) renounced terrorism;

23 (iv) purged all individuals with ter-
24 rorist ties from security services;

1 (v) terminated funding of anti-Amer-
2 ican and anti-Israel incitement;

3 (vi) publicly renounced Hamas and
4 the October 7, 2023, attacks perpetrated
5 by Hamas on Israel; and

6 (vii) honored previous diplomatic
7 agreements; and

8 (B) all hostages abducted on October 7,
9 2023, and held in territory governed by the Pal-
10 estinian Authority or other Palestinian gov-
11 erning authority have been released.

12 (c) REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
13 PRACTICES BY THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY OR ANY
14 OTHER PALESTINIAN GOVERNING ENTITY IN THE WEST
15 BANK AND GAZA.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after
17 the date of the adoption of this resolution, the Sec-
18 retary of State, in collaboration with the Assistant
19 Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights,
20 and Labor and the Office of the Legal Adviser, shall
21 submit to the Committee on Foreign Relations of
22 the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
23 the House of Representatives a report on the human
24 rights practices of the Palestinian Authority, or any

1 other Palestinian governing entity in the West Bank
2 and Gaza.

3 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under
4 paragraph (1) shall include—

5 (A) all available credible information con-
6 cerning alleged violations of internationally rec-
7 ognized human rights by the Palestinian Au-
8 thority or any other Palestinian governing enti-
9 ty in the West Bank and Gaza, including—

10 (i) the denial of the right to life to
11 Israeli citizens, Jewish individuals, women
12 and girls, or any other minority group; and

13 (ii) the use of torture or cruel, inhu-
14 mane, or degrading treatment or punish-
15 ment, prolonged detention without charges
16 and trial, causing the disappearance of
17 persons by the abduction and clandestine
18 detention of those persons, and other fla-
19 grant denial of the right to life, liberty, or
20 the security of person;

21 (B) a description of the steps that the
22 United States Government has taken to—

23 (i) promote respect for and observance
24 of human rights as part of the activities of
25 the Palestinian Authority or any other Pal-

1 estinian governing entity in the West Bank
2 and Gaza;

3 (ii) discourage any practices that are
4 inimical to internationally recognized
5 human rights; and

6 (iii) publicly or privately call attention
7 to, and disassociate the United States and
8 any foreign assistance provided for the
9 Palestinian Authority or any other Pales-
10 tinian governing entity in the West Bank
11 and Gaza from, any practices described in
12 clause (ii);

13 (C) a description of the intended uses of
14 all foreign assistance provided by the United
15 States to the Palestinian Authority or any other
16 Palestinian governing entity in the West Bank
17 and Gaza; and

18 (D) a list of international organizations
19 that—

20 (i) accept financial contributions from
21 the United States Government; and

22 (ii) provide assistance of any kind to
23 the Palestinian Authority or any other Pal-
24 estinian governing entity in the West Bank
25 and Gaza.