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 findings:

7 (1) On October 7, 2023, the terrorist organization Hamas conducted a brutal attack against

8 Israel, killing some 1,200 innocent men, women, and
children, and taking approximately 250 people hostage.

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

(3) At least 6 United States citizens remain unaccounted for and presumed taken captive by Hamas.

(4) Hamas continues to fire rockets indiscriminately toward Israel.

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

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

(7) The United States provided more than $7,600,000,000 in bilateral assistance to Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza since 1993.

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

(9) The Department of State’s West Bank and Gaza 2022 Human Rights Report identified significant human rights issues with respect to the Palestinian Authority, including credible reports of unlaw-
ful or arbitrary killings by Palestinian Authority officials, torture or cruel, inhumane, or degrading
treatment or punishments by Palestinian Authority officials, arbitrary arrest or detention of political
prisoners and detainees, and significant problems with the independence of the judiciary.

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(b) Prohibition on Assistance to Palestinian Authority and Other Governing Entities in the West Bank and Gaza.—

(1) In general.—Except as provided under paragraph (2) and notwithstanding any other provision of law, no amounts may be obligated or expended to provide any direct United States assistance, loan guarantee, or debt relief to the Palestinian Authority or any other Palestinian governing entity in the West Bank and Gaza.

(2) Exception.—The prohibition under paragraph (1) shall have no effect for a fiscal year if the President certifies to Congress during that fiscal year that—

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

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

(ii) publicly recognized the state of Israel;

(iii) renounced terrorism;

(iv) purged all individuals with terrorist ties from security services;
(v) terminated funding of anti-American and anti-Israel incitement;

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

(vii) honored previous diplomatic agreements; and

(B) all hostages abducted on October 7, 2023, and held in territory governed by the Palestinian Authority or other Palestinian governing authority have been released.

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

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution, the Secretary of State, in collaboration with the Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor and the Office of the Legal Adviser, shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives a report on the human rights practices of the Palestinian Authority, or any
other Palestinian governing entity in the West Bank and Gaza.

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

(A) all available credible information concerning alleged violations of internationally recognized human rights by the Palestinian Authority or any other Palestinian governing entity in the West Bank and Gaza, including—

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

(ii) the use of torture or cruel, inhumane, or degrading treatment or punishment, prolonged detention without charges and trial, causing the disappearance of persons by the abduction and clandestine detention of those persons, and other flagrant denial of the right to life, liberty, or the security of person;

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

(i) promote respect for and observance of human rights as part of the activities of the Palestinian Authority or any other Pal-
estian governing entity in the West Bank and Gaza;

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

(iii) publicly or privately call attention to, and disassociate the United States and any foreign assistance provided for the Palestinian Authority or any other Palestinian governing entity in the West Bank and Gaza from, any practices described in clause (ii);

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

(D) a list of international organizations that—

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

(ii) provide assistance of any kind to the Palestinian Authority or any other Palestinian governing entity in the West Bank and Gaza.