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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mr. YOUNG) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 “Fully Funding our Na-
5 tional Security Priorities Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) A report issued by the Department of State
2 in 2023 identified a \$41,300,000,000 gap between
3 the resources made available to the Department of
4 State and the United States Agency for Inter-
5 national Development and the resources required to
6 effectively counter the People’s Republic of China in
7 the Indo-Pacific region.

8 (2) While the Department of State and the
9 United States Agency for International Development
10 remain less than fully funded, the PRC has provided
11 some \$1,340,000,000,000 in grants and loans over
12 the past 22 years. In October 2023, the PRC and
13 President Xi announced an additional
14 \$100,000,000,000 for China’s development banks.

15 (3) As competitors like the PRC and Russia ex-
16 pand their global diplomatic footprints, the Depart-
17 ment of State today has, on average, a 13 percent
18 staffing gap.

19 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

20 It is the sense of Congress that—

21 (1) the United States is a beacon of democracy
22 and freedom in an increasingly fraught world;

23 (2) the Department of State, as a critical na-
24 tional security agency, remains chronically under-
25 staffed and underfunded at a time when geopolitical

1 rivals, including the People’s Republic of China, are
 2 rapidly expanding their global diplomatic presences;
 3 and

4 (3) it is imperative to empower the Department
 5 of State and the United States Agency for Inter-
 6 national Development to ensure the United States
 7 can—

8 (A) effectively advance the national secu-
 9 rity interests of the United States;

10 (B) respond strategically to emerging tech-
 11 nologies; and

12 (C) respond with flexibility to metasta-
 13 sizing global threats.

14 **SEC. 4. ANNUAL REPORT.**

15 (a) DEFINED TERM.—In this section, the term “un-
 16 funded priority”, with respect to a fiscal year, means a
 17 program, activity, or mission requirement of an element
 18 of the Department of State or the United States Agency
 19 for International Development (referred to in this section
 20 as “USAID”) that—

21 (1) is not funded in the budget for such fiscal
 22 year submitted by the President to Congress pursu-
 23 ant to section 1105 of title 31, United States Code;

24 (2) is necessary to fulfill a foreign policy or na-
 25 tional security objective or to satisfy an information

1 requirement associated with a goal or objective out-
2 lined in the Joint Strategic Plan agreed upon by the
3 Department of State and USA/ID; and

4 (3) would have been recommended for funding
5 by the Secretary of State or the USAID Adminis-
6 trator if—

7 (A) additional resources had been available
8 for such budget to fund such program, activity,
9 or mission requirement; or

10 (B) the program, activity, or mission re-
11 quirement has emerged since such budget was
12 formulated.

13 (b) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 10 days after the
14 date on which the budget for any fiscal year is submitted
15 by the President to Congress, the Secretary of State and
16 USAID Administrator shall each prepare and submit a re-
17 port to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate,
18 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, the Com-
19 mittee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives,
20 and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of
21 Representatives the unfunded priorities of the programs
22 under the jurisdiction of the Secretary or the Adminis-
23 trator, as applicable.

24 (c) ELEMENTS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each report submitted to
2 Congress pursuant to subsection (b) shall include,
3 with respect to each unfunded priority covered by
4 such report—

5 (A) a summary description of such pri-
6 ority, including the objectives to be achieved if
7 such priority is funded (whether in whole or in
8 part);

9 (B) the additional amount of funds rec-
10 ommended to be made available to achieve the
11 objectives referred to in subparagraph (A); and

12 (C) budget information with respect to
13 such priority, including—

14 (i) the appropriation account;
15 (ii) the expenditure center; and
16 (iii) the project and, if applicable, any
17 subprojects.

18 (2) PRIORITIZATION.—Each report submitted
19 to Congress pursuant to subsection (b) shall present
20 the unfunded priorities covered by such report in
21 overall order of urgency of priority among unfunded
22 priorities.

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