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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACOBS of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “Atrocity Accountability
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REVIEW OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO**
2 **ELIE WIESEL COUNTRIES.**

3 (a) REVIEW REQUIRED.—Not later than 30 days
4 after the transmission of the first report required after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act under section 5 of
6 the Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act of
7 2018 (Public Law 115–441; 22 U.S.C. 2651 note), the
8 Secretary of Defense shall conduct a review of risks re-
9 lated to the Department of Defense provision of security
10 assistance to countries identified in the report as being
11 at high or medium risk for atrocities. Such review shall
12 include an assessment of risk associated with providing
13 weapons and other forms of security cooperation programs
14 and assistance, including special operations forces pro-
15 grams, to the governments of such countries, with respect
16 to atrocities, conflict, violence, and other forms of insta-
17 bility.

18 (b) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION OF CERTAIN
19 CHANGES.—If, as a result of the review required under
20 subsection (a), the Secretary determines that the Depart-
21 ment of Defense should stop or change the security assist-
22 ance provided to a country, the Secretary shall submit no-
23 tice of such determination to—

24 (1) the Committee on Armed Services and the
25 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
26 resentatives; and

- 1 (2) the Committee on Armed Services and the
- 2 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

