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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. STEUBE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

# A BILL

To address hostile and antisemitic conduct by the Republic of South Africa.

- 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 "Addressing Hostile and
- 5 Antisemitic Conduct by the Republic of South Africa Act
- 6 of 2025".
- 7 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.
- 8 Congress finds the following:

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| 1  | (1) The Government of the Republic of South              |
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| 2  | Africa has, in recent years, engaged in repeated dip-    |
| 3  | lomatic and legal actions targeting the State of         |
| 4  | Israel and Jewish communities under the guise of         |
| 5  | international law.                                       |
| 6  | (2) These actions include the misuse of inter-           |
| 7  | national legal institutions to advance politically moti- |
| 8  | vated and antisemitic narratives inconsistent with       |
| 9  | objective human rights norms.                            |
| 10 | (3) The Government of South Africa has in-               |
| 11 | creasingly aligned itself with authoritarian regimes     |
| 12 | and global actors hostile to United States national      |
| 13 | interests and democratic values.                         |
| 14 | (4) United States taxpayer dollars must not be           |
| 15 | used to subsidize governments that engage in or le-      |
| 16 | gitimize such conduct.                                   |
| 17 | SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.                             |
| 18 | It is the policy of the United States to—                |
| 19 | (1) oppose antisemitic actions and rhetoric in           |
| 20 | any international forum;                                 |
| 21 | (2) hold foreign governments accountable for             |
| 22 | abuse of international institutions for political tar-   |
| 23 | geting; and  |

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(3) respond proportionately to governments that
 engage in hostility toward United States allies and
 international stability.

# 4 SEC. 4. SUSPENSION OF DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO THE GOV-

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## ERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA.

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-7 sion of law, no funds may be obligated or expended to pro-8 vide direct assistance to the Government of South Africa 9 unless the Secretary of State certifies to Congress that 10 such Government—

(1) has ceased all formal support for international legal actions that unfairly target the State
of Israel or Jewish individuals based solely on religious or ethnic identity;

(2) has implemented meaningful reforms to ad-dress corruption within state institutions; and

17 (3) has engaged constructively with United
18 States diplomats regarding the normalization of
19 international legal standards and the protection of
20 religious minorities.

(b) EXCEPTIONS.—The prohibition in subsection (a)shall not apply with respect to the following:

- 23 (1) Humanitarian aid.
- 24 (2) Public health programs administered by25 nongovernmental organizations.

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# SEC. 5. TARGETED SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICIALS.

3 The President shall impose sanctions under the Glob4 al Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act against
5 any current or former official of the Government of South
6 Africa who—

7 (1) promotes or implements antisemitic policies8 or rhetoric in an official capacity;

9 (2) uses public office to unjustly target the
10 State of Israel or Jewish individuals through inter11 national courts or diplomatic platforms; or

12 (3) engages in gross corruption, including the13 misuse of foreign aid or public funds.

#### 14 SEC. 6. REPORT.

(a) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after
the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
State shall submit to Congress a report detailing—

(1) all legal, diplomatic, or rhetorical actions
taken by the Government of South Africa in the past
five years targeting the State of Israel, Jews, or
Jewish institutions; and

(2) a summary of United States assistance provided to South Africa, including military training,
law enforcement support, and financial assistance.

(b) ANNUAL UPDATE.—The report required by sub section (a) shall be updated and resubmitted annually for
 3 years following the date of the enactment of this Act.
 SEC. 7. TERMINATION.

5 The provisions of sections 4 and 5 shall terminate
6 upon certification by the President to Congress that the
7 Government of South Africa has—

8 (1) ceased participation in politically motivated
9 international legal actions against allies of the
10 United States;

(2) implemented institutional reforms sufficient
to prevent further abuse of international law and reduction of corruption; and

14 (3) taken concrete steps to improve diplomatic
15 and security cooperation with the United States and
16 its democratic allies.

#### 17 SEC. 8. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

18 Nothing in this Act may be construed to—

(1) prohibit United States diplomatic engage-20 ment with the Government of South Africa;

21 (2) restrict private humanitarian or charitable22 assistance; or

(3) affect trade agreements or tariffs not di-rectly linked to the behavior addressed in this Act.