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# H. R. 4862

To reauthorize the United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015,  
and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DEUTCH (for himself and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina) introduced the  
following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## A BILL

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Cooperation Act of 2015, and for other purposes.

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 “United States-Jordan  
5 Defense Cooperation Extension Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Jordan is an instrumental partner in the  
9 fight against terrorism, including as a member of  
10 the Global Coalition To Counter ISIS and the Com-

1 bined Joint Task Force—Operation Inherent Re-  
2 solve.

3 (2) In 2014, His Majesty King Abdullah stated  
4 that “Jordanians and Americans have been standing  
5 shoulder to shoulder against extremism for many  
6 years, but to a new level with this coalition against  
7 ISIL”.

8 (3) On February 3, 2015, the United States  
9 signed a 3-year memorandum of understanding with  
10 Jordan, pledging to provide the kingdom with  
11 \$1,000,000,000 annually in United States foreign  
12 assistance, subject to the approval of Congress.

13 (4) On February 14, 2018, the United States  
14 signed a new 5-year Memorandum of Understanding  
15 with Jordan in which the United States pledged to  
16 provide no less than \$1,275,000,000 per year, sub-  
17 ject to congressional appropriations, in United  
18 States bilateral foreign assistance to Jordan.

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

20 It is the sense of Congress that—

21 (1) Jordan plays a critical role in responding to  
22 the overwhelming humanitarian needs created by the  
23 conflict in Syria;

24 (2) Jordan, the United States, and other part-  
25 ners should continue working together to address

1 this humanitarian crisis and promote regional sta-  
2 bility, including through support for refugees in Jor-  
3 dan and internally displaced people along the Jor-  
4 dan-Syria border and the creation of conditions in-  
5 side Syria that will allow for the secure, dignified,  
6 and voluntary return of people displaced by the cri-  
7 sis; and

8 (3) the United States should continue to assist  
9 Jordan in creating sustainable economic develop-  
10 ment.

11 **SEC. 4. REAUTHORIZATION OF UNITED STATES-JORDAN**  
12 **DEFENSE COOPERATION ACT OF 2015.**

13 Section 5(a) of the United States-Jordan Defense Co-  
14 operation Act of 2015 (22 U.S.C. 2753 note) is amend-  
15 ed—

16 (1) by striking “During the 3-year period” and  
17 inserting “During the period”; and

18 (2) by inserting “and ending on December 31,  
19 2024” after “enactment of this Act”.

20 **SEC. 5. PURSUING INVESTMENT FUNDS FOR JORDAN.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
22 end of the transition period, the Chief Executive Officer  
23 of the United States International Development Finance  
24 Corporation shall issue a call for proposals pursuing in-  
25 vestment funds with a focus on Jordan, whether as a spe-

1 cific country fund or as part of a regional fund with Jor-  
2 dan as a significant focus.

3 (b) BRIEFING.—Following the completion of the call  
4 process in subsection (a), the Chief Executive Officer of  
5 the United States International Development Finance  
6 Corporation shall brief the appropriate congressional com-  
7 mittees describing the call process, any proposals sub-  
8 mitted, and any funds approved pursuant to section  
9 1421(c) of the BUILD Act (22 U.S.C. 9621).

10 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
12 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
13 mittees” means—

14 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and  
15 the Committee on Appropriations of the House  
16 of Representatives; and

17 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations  
18 and the Committee on Appropriations of the  
19 Senate.

20 (2) TRANSITION PERIOD.—The term “transi-  
21 tion period” has the meaning given such term in sec-  
22 tion 1461 of the BUILD Act of 2018 (Public Law  
23 115–254; 22 U.S.C. 9681).

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