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To improve efforts of the United States Government to ensure that developing countries have affordable and equitable access to safe water and sanitation, and for other purposes.

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Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To improve efforts of the United States Government to ensure that developing countries have affordable and equitable access to safe water and sanitation, 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 “Global Water Access
5 and Equity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INTERNATIONAL WATER ISSUES DIPLOMATIC CO-**
2 **ORDINATOR.**

3 Section 1 of the State Department Basic Authorities
4 Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-
6 section (h); and

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (f) the fol-
8 lowing new subsection:

9 “(g) INTERNATIONAL WATER ISSUES DIPLOMATIC
10 COORDINATOR.—

11 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF POSITION.—There is
12 established within the Department of State in the
13 immediate office of the Secretary of State a Coordi-
14 nator of United States Government Diplomatic Ini-
15 tiatives to Provide Safe Water and Sanitation Glob-
16 ally (in this subsection referred to as the ‘Coordi-
17 nator’), who shall be appointed by the President, by
18 and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The
19 Coordinator shall report directly to the Secretary.

20 “(2) DUTIES.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Coordinator shall
22 perform such duties and exercise such powers
23 as the Secretary of State shall prescribe.

24 “(B) SPECIFIC DUTIES.—

25 “(i) ADVISING THE SECRETARY OF
26 STATE.—The Coordinator shall be the Sec-

1 retary of State’s principal advisor on ef-
2 forts of the United States Government to
3 ensure that developing countries have af-
4 fordable and equitable access to safe water
5 and sanitation.

6 “(ii) MONITORING UNITED STATES
7 DIPLOMATIC POLICY.—The Coordinator
8 shall monitor the diplomatic policy of the
9 United States Government and shall for-
10 mulate ways in which such policy may be
11 used to further the goal of ensuring that
12 developing countries have access to safe
13 water and sanitation, including the objec-
14 tives expressed in the Senator Paul Simon
15 Water for the Poor Act of 2005 (22 U.S.C.
16 2152h note) and the amendments made by
17 that Act.

18 “(3) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this sub-
19 section, the term ‘safe water’ means water for drink-
20 ing, household use, and crop irrigation.”.

21 **SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATION OF GLOBAL WATER AID.**

22 (a) BUREAU FOR GLOBAL WATER AID.—The Sen-
23 ator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005 (22
24 U.S.C. 2152h note) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating section 11 as section 12;

2 and

3 (2) by inserting after section 10 the following

4 new section:

5 **“SEC. 11. BUREAU FOR GLOBAL WATER AID.**

6 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within
7 the United States Agency for International Development
8 a Bureau for Global Water Aid (in this section referred
9 to as the ‘Bureau’).

10 “(b) ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR.—The Bureau shall
11 be headed by an Assistant Administrator for Global Water
12 Aid (in this section referred to as the ‘Assistant Adminis-
13 trator’), who shall be appointed by the President, by and
14 with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Assistant
15 Administrator shall report directly to the Administrator
16 of the United States Agency for International Develop-
17 ment.

18 “(c) DUTIES OF ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR.—The
19 Assistant Administrator shall be responsible for the over-
20 sight and coordination of all United States Government
21 activities to provide safe water and sanitation to devel-
22 oping countries, including implementation of this Act and
23 the amendments made by this Act.

24 “(d) STAFF.—The Bureau shall be staffed by such
25 persons as the Assistant Administrator considers nec-

1 essary to carry out the responsibilities of the Assistant Ad-
2 ministrator.”.

3 (b) AUTHORIZATION UNDER THE FOREIGN ASSIST-
4 ANCE ACT OF 1961.—

5 (1) AUTHORIZATION.—Subsection (b) of the
6 second section 135 of the Foreign Assistance Act of
7 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2152h(b)), as added by section
8 5(a) of the Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor
9 Act of 2005 (22 U.S.C. 2152h note), is amended by
10 inserting after “the President” the following: “, act-
11 ing through the Assistant Administrator for Global
12 Water Aid,”.

13 (2) DEFINITION.—Such section is further
14 amended by adding at the end the following new
15 subsection:

16 “(e) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
17 term ‘safe water’ means water for drinking, household use,
18 and crop irrigation.”.

19 (3) REDESIGNATION AND CONFORMING AMEND-
20 MENTS.—

21 (A) REDESIGNATION.—Chapter 1 of part I
22 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22
23 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.) is amended by redesign-
24 ating the second section 135 (22 U.S.C.
25 2152h), as added by section 5(a) of the Senator

1 Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005
2 (22 U.S.C. 2152h note), as section 136.

3 (B) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The
4 Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of
5 2005 (22 U.S.C. 2152h note) is amended by
6 striking “section 135” each place it appears
7 and inserting “section 136”.

8 (c) AUTHORIZATION UNDER THE AGRICULTURAL
9 TRADE DEVELOPMENT AND ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1954.—
10 Section 104(e)(9) of the Agricultural Trade Development
11 and Assistance Act of 1954 (7 U.S.C. 1704(e)(9)) is
12 amended—

13 (1) by striking “section 135” and inserting
14 “section 136”; and

15 (2) by adding at the end the following new sen-
16 tence: “For purposes of this paragraph, the term
17 ‘safe water’ means water for drinking, household
18 use, and crop irrigation.”.

19 (d) DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY UNDER THE SEN-
20 ATOR PAUL SIMON WATER FOR THE POOR ACT OF
21 2005.—

22 (1) SAFE WATER AND SANITATION STRAT-
23 EGY.—Section 6 of the Senator Paul Simon Water
24 for the Poor Act of 2005 (22 U.S.C. 2152h note) is
25 amended—

1 (A) in subsection (c), by striking “Sec-
2 retary of State, acting through the Adminis-
3 trator of the United States Agency for Inter-
4 national Development,” and inserting “Admin-
5 istrator of the United States Agency for Inter-
6 national Development”;

7 (B) in subsection (g)—

8 (i) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking
9 “Secretary of State” and inserting “Ad-
10 ministrator of the United States Agency
11 for International Development”; and

12 (ii) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking
13 “Committee on International Relations”
14 and inserting “Committee on Foreign Af-
15 fairs”; and

16 (C) by adding at the end the following new
17 subsection:

18 “(h) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this Act, the
19 term ‘safe water’ means water for drinking, household use,
20 and crop irrigation.”.

21 (2) SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING DEVELOP-
22 MENT OF LOCAL CAPACITY.—Section 8 of such Act
23 (22 U.S.C. 2152h note) is amended by striking
24 “Secretary of State” and inserting “Administrator

1 of the United States Agency for International Devel-
2 opment”.

3 (3) REPORT REGARDING WATER FOR PEACE
4 AND SECURITY.—Section 10(b) of such Act (22
5 U.S.C. 2152h note) is amended—

6 (A) by striking “The Secretary of State, in
7 consultation with the Administrator of the
8 United States Agency for International Devel-
9 opment,” and inserting “The Administrator of
10 the United States Agency for International De-
11 velopment, in consultation with the Secretary of
12 State,”; and

13 (B) by striking “Committee on Inter-
14 national Relations” and inserting “Committee
15 on Foreign Affairs”.

16 (4) FURTHER DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY.—
17 Such Act (22 U.S.C. 2152h note) is further amend-
18 ed—

19 (A) by redesignating section 12 (as redesi-
20 gnated by subsection (a) of this section) as sec-
21 tion 13; and

22 (B) by inserting after section 11 the fol-
23 lowing new section:

1 **“SEC. 12. DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY.**

2 “(a) COORDINATION.—In overseeing and coordi-
3 nating United States Government activities to provide safe
4 water and sanitation to developing countries, the Adminis-
5 trator of the United States Agency for International De-
6 velopment shall coordinate with the Secretary of State to
7 ensure that the manner of carrying out such activities is
8 consistent with the overall diplomatic policy of the United
9 States. The Secretary of State shall, to the maximum ex-
10 tent feasible, make such activities a priority of the diplo-
11 matic policy of the United States.

12 “(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—For purposes of sec-
13 tions 6 through 10 and subsection (a) of this section—

14 “(1) any reference to the Secretary of State
15 shall be deemed to be a reference to the Secretary
16 of State, acting through the Coordinator of United
17 States Government Diplomatic Initiatives to Provide
18 Safe Water and Sanitation Globally, established by
19 section 1(g) of the State Department Basic Authori-
20 ties Act of 1956; and

21 “(2) any reference to the Administrator of the
22 United States Agency for International Development
23 shall be deemed to be a reference to the Adminis-
24 trator of the United States Agency for International
25 Development, acting through the Assistant Adminis-

1 trator for Global Water Aid, established by section
2 11 of this Act.”.

3 **SEC. 4. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON PROMOTION OF EFFI-**
4 **CIENT USE OF WATER.**

5 It is the sense of Congress that the policy of the
6 United States Government should promote more efficient
7 use of existing water supplies in developing countries (in-
8 cluding through superior methods of irrigation), as well
9 as the development of additional reliable water supplies.

10 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-
12 priated for each of the fiscal years 2012 through 2016
13 such sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act and
14 the amendments made by this Act.

15 (b) OTHER AMOUNTS.—Amounts appropriated pur-
16 suant to the authorization of appropriations in subsection
17 (a) shall be in addition to the amounts otherwise available
18 to carry out this Act and the amendments made by this
19 Act.

20 (c) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts appropriated pursuant
21 to the authorization of appropriations in subsection (a) are
22 authorized to remain available until expended.

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