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Mr. SCHNEIDER (for himself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Ms. TITUS, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. PAPPAS, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER) 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 “Turkey Diplomatic Re-
5 alignment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The Republic of Turkey occupies a unique
9 geopolitical position at the intersection of Europe

1 and the Middle East, influencing security, economic,
2 and diplomatic interests of the United States in both
3 regions.

4 (2) The Department of State currently assigns
5 responsibility for Turkey within the Bureau of Euro-
6 pean and Eurasian Affairs, despite Turkey's exten-
7 sive engagement in Middle Eastern affairs and secu-
8 rity issues.

9 (3) A reassignment of Turkey to the Bureau of
10 Near Eastern Affairs would better align diplomatic
11 strategy and facilitate regional cooperation.

12 (4) Turkey's foreign policy trajectory in recent
13 years has distanced it from the European Union and
14 The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), as
15 evidenced by its strategic realignments and domestic
16 political shifts that challenge European democratic
17 norms.

18 (5) European institutions have increasingly
19 sidelined Turkey from full integration, delaying ac-
20 cession talks and raising concerns over human
21 rights, democratic governance, and rule of law.

22 (6) Turkey's growing partnerships with non-
23 western powers, including Russia and China, along
24 with its pursuit of BRICS membership, underscore
25 its shifting priorities away from western alignment.

1 (7) The Turkish government’s increasing en-
2 gagement with Islamist actors, its role in conflicts
3 such as Syria and Libya, and its strained relations
4 with Israel have deepened concerns over its long-
5 term reliability as a western partner.

6 (8) The reassignment serves as a diplomatic
7 signal reflecting Turkey’s diminishing European
8 prospects and encourages national debate within
9 Turkey about its geopolitical future, particularly in
10 light of its perceived marginalization from European
11 strategic decision-making.

12 (9) Turkey has provided political and logistical
13 support to Hamas, hosting members of the group
14 and facilitating fundraising activities, further strain-
15 ing its relationships with western allies and contrib-
16 uting to concerns over its regional alignment.

17 (10) The United States remains committed to
18 a strong relationship with Turkey but must recal-
19 ibrate its diplomatic engagement in recognition of
20 changing realities, ensuring U.S. regional policy re-
21 mains consistent with evolving security and economic
22 dynamics.

23 **SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATIVE REASSIGNMENT.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
25 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State

1 shall administratively reassign responsibility for the Re-
2 public of Turkey from the Bureau of European and Eur-
3 asian Affairs to the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs with-
4 in the Department of State.

5 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 5 years
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
7 shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
8 House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign
9 Relations of the Senate a report—

10 (1) describing the effectiveness and implications
11 of the reassignment required by subsection (a); and

12 (2) providing recommendations for further
13 changes regarding the assignment of responsibility
14 for Turkey.

15 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
16 tion may be construed to prevent the Secretary from modi-
17 fying or discontinuing the use of regional bureaus as nec-
18 essary to advance the diplomatic objectives of the United
19 States.

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