

AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MR. KEATING OF MASSACHUSETTS

Page 857, insert after line 6 the following:

1 **SEC. 1336. DEPARTMENT OF STATE ACTIONS RELATING TO**
2 **GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE.**

3 (a) CLIMATE CHANGE OFFICERS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall
5 establish and staff Climate Change Officer positions.
6 Such Officers shall serve under the supervision of
7 the appropriate chief of mission or the Under Sec-
8 retary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Envi-
9 ronment of the Department of State, as the case
10 may be. The Secretary shall ensure each embassy,
11 consulate, and diplomatic mission to which such Of-
12 ficers are assigned pursuant to paragraph (2) has
13 sufficient additional and appropriate staff to support
14 such Officers.

15 (2) ASSIGNMENT.—Climate Change Officers
16 shall be assigned to the following posts:

17 (A) United States embassies, or, if appro-
18 priate, consulates.

1 (B) United States diplomatic missions to,
2 or liaisons with, regional and multilateral orga-
3 nizations, including the United States diplo-
4 matic missions to the European Union, African
5 Union, Organization of American States, Arctic
6 Council, and any other appropriate regional or-
7 ganization, and the United Nations and its rel-
8 evant specialized agencies.

9 (C) Other posts as designated by the Sec-
10 retary.

11 (3) RESPONSIBILITIES.—Each Climate Change
12 Officer shall—

13 (A) provide expertise on effective ap-
14 proaches to—

15 (i) mitigate the emission of gases
16 which contribute to global climate change
17 and formulate national and global plans
18 for reducing such gross and net emissions;
19 and

20 (ii) reduce the detrimental impacts at-
21 tributable to global climate change, and
22 adapt to such impacts;

23 (B) engage and convene, in a manner that
24 is equitable, inclusive, and just, with individuals
25 and organizations which represent a govern-

1 ment office, a nongovernmental organization, a
2 social or political movement, a private sector
3 entity, an educational or scientific institution,
4 or any other entity concerned with—

5 (i) global climate change; the emission
6 of gases which contribute to global climate
7 change; or

8 (ii) reducing the detrimental impacts
9 attributable to global climate change;

10 (C) facilitate engagement by United States
11 entities in bilateral and multilateral cooperation
12 on climate change; and

13 (D) carry out such other responsibilities as
14 the Secretary may assign.

15 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES OF UNDER SECRETARY.—The
16 Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the
17 Environment of the Department of State shall, including
18 by acting through the Bureau of Oceans and International
19 Environmental and Scientific Affairs of the Department
20 of State—

21 (1) provide policy guidance to Climate Change
22 Officers established under subsection (a);

23 (2) develop relations with, consult with, and
24 provide assistance to relevant individuals and organi-
25 zations concerned with studying, mitigating, and

1 adapting to global climate change, or reducing the
2 emission of gases which contribute to global climate
3 change; and

4 (3) assist officers and employees of regional bu-
5 reaus of the Department of State to develop strate-
6 gies and programs to promote studying, mitigating,
7 and adapting to global climate change, or reducing
8 the emission of gases which contribute to global cli-
9 mate change.

10 (c) ACTIONS BY CHIEFS OF MISSION.—Each chief of
11 mission in a foreign country shall—

12 (1) develop, as part of annual joint strategic
13 plans or equivalent program and policy planning, a
14 strategy to promote actions to improve and increase
15 studying, mitigating, and adapting to global climate
16 change, or reducing the emission of gases which con-
17 tribute to global climate change by—

18 (A) consulting and coordinating with and
19 providing support to relevant individuals and
20 organizations, including experts and other pro-
21 fessionals and stakeholders on issues related to
22 climate change; and

23 (B) holding periodic meetings with such
24 relevant individuals and organizations relating
25 to such strategy;

1 (2) hold ongoing discussions with the officials
2 and leaders of such country regarding progress to
3 improve and increase studying, mitigating, and
4 adapting to global climate change, or reducing the
5 emission of gases which contribute to global climate
6 change in a manner that is equitable, inclusive, and
7 just in such country; and

8 (3) certify annually to the Secretary of State
9 that to the maximum extent practicable, consider-
10 ations related to climate change adaptation and
11 mitigation, sustainability, and the environment were
12 incorporated in activities, management, and oper-
13 ations of the United States embassy or other diplo-
14 matic post under the director of the chief of mission.

15 (d) TRAINING.—Not later than 180 days after the
16 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State
17 shall establish curriculum at the Department of State’s
18 Foreign Service Institute that supplements political and
19 economic reporting tradecraft courses in order to provide
20 employees of the Department with specialized training
21 with respect to studying, mitigating, and adapting to glob-
22 al climate change, or reducing the emission of gases which
23 contribute to global climate change. Such training shall
24 include the following:

1 (1) Awareness of the full range of national and
2 subnational agencies, offices, personnel, statutory
3 authorities, funds, and programs involved in the
4 international commitments of the United States re-
5 garding global climate change and the emission of
6 gases which contribute to global climate change, the
7 science of global climate change, and methods for
8 mitigating and adapting to global climate change.

9 (2) Awareness of methods for mitigating and
10 adapting to global climate change and reducing the
11 emission of gases which contribute to global climate
12 change that are equitable, inclusive, and just.

13 (3) Familiarity with United States agencies,
14 multilateral agencies, international financial institu-
15 tions, and the network of donors providing assist-
16 ance to mitigate and adapt to global climate change.

17 (4) Awareness of the most frequently an-
18 nounced goals and methods of the entities specified
19 in subsection (a)(3)(B).

20 (e) CONTRACTING.—Contracting and agreements of-
21 ficers of the Department of State, and other United States
22 embassy personnel responsible for contracts, grants, or ac-
23 quisitions, shall receive training on evaluating proposals,
24 solicitations, and bids, for considerations related to sus-

1 tainability and adapting to or mitigating impacts from cli-
2 mate change.

3 (f) REPORTING.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act and biennially thereafter,
5 the Secretary of State shall submit to the Committee on
6 Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on
7 Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives a report
8 that includes a detailed breakdown of posts at which staff
9 are assigned the role of Climate Change Officer, the re-
10 sponsibilities to which they have been assigned, and the
11 strategies developed by the chief of mission, as applicable.

12 (g) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
13 gress that climate diplomacy tools, including the establish-
14 ment of Climate Change Officers and supporting staff
15 under this section, are critical for demonstrating the com-
16 mitment to include climate changes issues as core tenets
17 of foreign policy priorities, as well as preserving the
18 United States role as a global leader on climate change
19 action.

