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Add at the end of subtitle G of title XII the following:

1 **SEC. 12 ____. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE OF SUB-**
2 **NATIONAL DIPLOMACY.**

3 Section 1 of the State Department Basic Authorities
4 Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a) is amended by adding at
5 the end the following new subsection:

6 “(h) OFFICE OF SUBNATIONAL DIPLOMACY.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There shall be established
8 within the Department of State an Office of Sub-
9 national Diplomacy (in this subsection referred to as
10 the ‘Office’).

11 “(2) HEAD OF OFFICE.—The head of the Office
12 shall be a full-time position filled by a senior De-
13 partment official. The head of the Office shall report
14 directly to the Under Secretary for Political Affairs.

15 “(3) DUTIES.—

16 “(A) PRINCIPAL DUTY.—The principal
17 duty of the head of the Office shall be the over-
18 all supervision (including policy oversight of re-
19 sources) of Federal support for subnational en-

1 gagements by State and municipal governments
2 with foreign governments. The head of the Of-
3 fice shall be the principal adviser to the Sec-
4 retary of State on subnational engagements and
5 the principal official on such matters within the
6 senior management of the Department of State.

7 “(B) ADDITIONAL DUTIES.—The addi-
8 tional duties of the head of the Office shall in-
9 clude the following:

10 “(i) Coordinating overall United
11 States policy and programs in support of
12 subnational engagements by State and mu-
13 nicipal governments with foreign govern-
14 ments, including with respect to the fol-
15 lowing:

16 “(I) Coordinating resources
17 across the Department of State and
18 throughout the Federal Government
19 in support of such engagements.

20 “(II) Identifying policy, program,
21 and funding disputes among relevant
22 Federal agencies regarding such co-
23 ordination.

24 “(III) Identifying gaps in Fed-
25 eral support for such engagements

1 and developing corresponding policy
2 or programmatic changes to address
3 such gaps.

4 “(ii) Promoting United States foreign
5 policy goals through support for sub-
6 national engagements and aligning sub-
7 national priorities with national foreign
8 policy goals, as appropriate.

9 “(iii) Maintaining a public database of
10 subnational engagements.

11 “(iv) Providing advisory support to
12 subnational engagements, including by as-
13 sisting State and municipal governments
14 to—

15 “(I) develop, implement, and, as
16 necessary, adjust global engagement
17 and public diplomacy strategies; and

18 “(II) implement programs to co-
19 operate with foreign governments on
20 policy priorities or managing shared
21 resources.

22 “(v) Facilitating linkages and net-
23 works between State and municipal govern-
24 ments and their foreign counterparts.

1 “(vi) Overseeing the work of Depart-
2 ment of State detailees assigned to State
3 and municipal governments pursuant to
4 this subsection.

5 “(vii) Negotiating agreements and
6 memoranda of understanding with foreign
7 governments to support subnational en-
8 gagements and priorities.

9 “(viii) Promoting United States trade
10 and foreign exports on behalf of United
11 States businesses through exchanges be-
12 tween the United States and foreign state,
13 municipal, and provincial governments, and
14 by establishing a more enduring relation-
15 ship overall between subnational govern-
16 ments.

17 “(ix) Coordinating subnational en-
18 gagements with the associations of sub-
19 national elected leaders, including the U.S.
20 Conference of Mayors, National Governors
21 Association, National League of Cities, Na-
22 tional Association of Counties, Council of
23 State Governments, National Conference of
24 State Legislators, and State International
25 Development Offices.

1 “(4) DETAILEES.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of
3 State, acting through the head of the Office, is
4 authorized to detail a member of the civil serv-
5 ice or Foreign Service to State and municipal
6 governments on a reimbursable or nonreimburs-
7 able basis. Such details shall be for a period not
8 to exceed two years, and shall be without inter-
9 ruption or loss of Foreign Service status or
10 privilege.

11 “(B) RESPONSIBILITIES.—Detailees under
12 subparagraph (A) shall carry out the following:

13 “(i) Supporting the mission and objec-
14 tives of the Office.

15 “(ii) Coordinating activities relating to
16 State and municipal government sub-
17 national engagements with the Department
18 of State, including the Office, Department
19 leadership, and regional and functional bu-
20 reaus of the Department, as appropriate.

21 “(iii) Engaging the Department of
22 State and other Federal agencies regarding
23 security, public health, trade promotion,
24 and other programs executed at the State
25 or municipal government level.

1 “(iv) Advising State and municipal
2 government officials regarding questions of
3 global affairs, foreign policy, cooperative
4 agreements, and public diplomacy.

5 “(v) Any other duties requested by
6 State and municipal governments and ap-
7 proved by the Office.

8 “(5) REPORT AND BRIEFING.—

9 “(A) REPORT.—Not later than one year
10 after the date of the enactment of this sub-
11 section, the head of the Office shall submit to
12 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House
13 of Representatives and the Committee on For-
14 eign Relations of the Senate a report that in-
15 cludes information relating to the following:

16 “(i) The staffing plan (including per-
17 manent and temporary staff) for the Of-
18 fice.

19 “(ii) The funding level provided to the
20 Office for the Office, together with a jus-
21 tification relating to such level.

22 “(iii) The status of filling the position
23 of head of the Office.

24 “(iv) The rank and title granted to
25 the head of the Office, together with a jus-

1 tification relating to such decision and an
2 analysis of whether the rank and title of
3 Ambassador-at-Large is required to fulfill
4 the duties of the Office.

5 “(v) A strategic plan for the Office.

6 “(vi) Any other matters as determined
7 relevant by the head of the Office.

8 “(B) BRIEFINGS.—Not later than 30 days
9 after the submission of the report required
10 under subparagraph (A) and annually there-
11 after, the head of the Office shall brief the
12 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of
13 Representatives and the Committee on Foreign
14 Relations of the Senate on the work of the Of-
15 fice and any changes made to the organiza-
16 tional structure or funding of the Office.

17 “(6) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
18 this subsection may be construed as precluding—

19 “(A) the Office from being elevated to a
20 bureau within the Department of State; or

21 “(B) the head of the Office from being ele-
22 vated to an Assistant Secretary, if such an As-
23 sistant Secretary position does not increase the
24 number of Assistant Secretary positions at the

1 Department above the number authorized under
2 subsection (c)(1).

3 “(7) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

4 “(A) MUNICIPAL.—The term ‘municipal’
5 means, with respect to the government of a mu-
6 nicipality in the United States, a municipality
7 with a population of not fewer than 100,000
8 people.

9 “(B) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means the
10 50 States, the District of Columbia, and any
11 territory or possession of the United States.

12 “(C) SUBNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT.—The
13 term ‘subnational engagement’ means formal
14 meetings or events between elected officials of
15 State or municipal governments and their for-
16 eign counterparts.”.

