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Add at the end of subtitle B of title XIII the following:

1 **SEC. 13 ____ . ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE OF CITY AND**
2 **STATE DIPLOMACY.**

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

5 (1) by redesignating the second subsection (h)
6 (relating to the Office of Sanctions Coordination) as
7 subsection (k); and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
9 section:

10 “(1) OFFICE OF CITY AND STATE DIPLOMACY.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There shall be established
12 within the Department of State an Office of City
13 and State Diplomacy (in this subsection referred to
14 as the ‘Office’). The Department may use a similar
15 name at its discretion and upon notification to Con-
16 gress.

17 “(2) HEAD OF OFFICE.—The head of the Office
18 shall be the Ambassador-at-Large for City and State
19 Diplomacy (in this subsection referred to as the

1 ‘Ambassador’) or other appropriate senior official.

2 The head of the Office shall—

3 “(A) be appointed by the President, by and
4 with the advice and consent of the Senate; and

5 “(B) report directly to the Secretary, or
6 such other senior official as the Secretary deter-
7 mines appropriate and upon notification to
8 Congress.

9 “(3) DUTIES.—

10 “(A) PRINCIPAL DUTY.—The principal
11 duty of the head of the Office shall be the over-
12 all coordination (including policy oversight of
13 resources) of Federal support for subnational
14 engagements by State and municipal govern-
15 ments with foreign governments. The head of
16 the Office shall be the principal adviser to the
17 Secretary of State on subnational engagements
18 and the principal official on such matters within
19 the senior management of the Department of
20 State.

21 “(B) ADDITIONAL DUTIES.—The addi-
22 tional duties of the head of the Office shall in-
23 clude the following:

24 “(i) Coordinating overall United
25 States policy and programs in support of

1 subnational engagements by State and mu-
2 nicipal governments with foreign govern-
3 ments, including with respect to the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(I) Coordinating resources
6 across the Department of State and
7 throughout the Federal Government
8 in support of such engagements.

9 “(II) Identifying policy, program,
10 and funding discrepancies among rel-
11 evant Federal agencies regarding such
12 coordination.

13 “(III) Identifying gaps in Fed-
14 eral support for such engagements
15 and developing corresponding policy
16 or programmatic changes to address
17 such gaps.

18 “(ii) Identifying areas of alignment
19 between United States foreign policy and
20 State and municipal goals.

21 “(iii) Improving communication with
22 the American public, including, potentially,
23 communication that demonstrate the
24 breadth of international engagement by

1 subnational actors and the impact of diplo-
2 macy across the United States.

3 “(iv) Providing advisory support to
4 subnational engagements, including by as-
5 sisting State and municipal governments
6 regarding—

7 “(I) developing and implementing
8 global engagement and public diplo-
9 macy strategies;

10 “(II) implementing programs to
11 cooperate with foreign governments on
12 policy priorities or managing shared
13 resources; and

14 “(III) understanding the implica-
15 tions of foreign policy developments or
16 policy changes through regular and
17 extraordinary briefings.

18 “(v) Facilitating linkages and net-
19 works among State and municipal govern-
20 ments, and between State and municipal
21 governments and their foreign counter-
22 parts, including by tracking subnational
23 engagements and leveraging State and mu-
24 nicipal expertise.

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

5 “(vii) Under the direction of the Sec-
6 retary, negotiating agreements and memo-
7 randa of understanding with foreign gov-
8 ernments related to subnational engage-
9 ments and priorities.

10 “(viii) Supporting United States eco-
11 nomic interests through subnational en-
12 gagements, in consultation and coordina-
13 tion with the Department of Commerce,
14 the Department of the Treasury, and the
15 Office of the United States Trade Rep-
16 resentative.

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

1 and State International Development Or-
2 ganizations.

3 “(4) COORDINATION.—With respect to matters
4 involving trade promotion and inward investment fa-
5 cilitation, the Office shall coordinate with and sup-
6 port the International Trade Administration of the
7 Department of Commerce as the lead Federal agen-
8 cy for trade promotion and facilitation of business
9 investment in the United States.

10 “(5) DETAILEES.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of
12 State, with respect to employees of the Depart-
13 ment of State, is authorized to detail a member
14 of the civil service or Foreign Service to State
15 and municipal governments on a reimbursable
16 or nonreimbursable basis. Such details shall be
17 for a period not to exceed two years, and shall
18 be without interruption or loss of status or
19 privilege.

20 “(B) RESPONSIBILITIES.—Detailees under
21 subparagraph (A) should carry out the fol-
22 lowing:

23 “(i) Supporting the mission and objec-
24 tives of the host subnational government
25 office.

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

5 “(iii) Coordinating activities relating
6 to State and municipal government sub-
7 national engagements with the Department
8 of State, including the Office, Department
9 leadership, and regional and functional bu-
10 reaus of the Department, as appropriate.

11 “(iv) Engaging Federal agencies re-
12 garding security, public health, trade pro-
13 motion, and other programs executed at
14 the State or municipal government level.

15 “(v) Any other duties requested by
16 State and municipal governments and ap-
17 proved by the Office.

18 “(C) ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL SUPPORT
19 FOR SUBNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT.—For the
20 purposes of this subsection, the Secretary of
21 State—

22 “(i) is authorized to employ individ-
23 uals by contract;

24 “(ii) is encouraged to make use of the
25 re-hired annuitants authority under section

1 3323 of title 5, United States Code, par-
2 ticularly for annuitants who are already re-
3 siding across the United States who may
4 have the skills and experience to support
5 subnational governments; and

6 “(iii) is encouraged to make use of
7 authorities under the Intergovernmental
8 Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4701 et
9 seq.) to temporarily assign State and local
10 government officials to the Department of
11 State or overseas missions to increase their
12 international experience and add their per-
13 spectives on United States priorities to the
14 Department.

15 “(6) REPORT AND BRIEFING.—

16 “(A) REPORT.—Not later than one year
17 after the date of the enactment of this sub-
18 section, the head of the Office shall submit to
19 the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
20 Committee on Appropriations of the House of
21 Representatives and the Committee on Foreign
22 Relations and the Committee on Appropriations
23 of the Senate a report that includes information
24 relating to the following:

1 “(i) The staffing plan (including per-
2 manent and temporary staff) for the Office
3 and a justification for the location of the
4 Office within the Department of State’s or-
5 ganizational structure.

6 “(ii) The funding level provided to the
7 Office for the Office, together with a jus-
8 tification relating to such level.

9 “(iii) The rank and title granted to
10 the head of the Office, together with a jus-
11 tification relating to such decision and an
12 analysis of whether the rank and title of
13 Ambassador-at-Large is required to fulfill
14 the duties of the Office.

15 “(iv) A strategic plan for the Office,
16 including relating to—

17 “(I) leveraging subnational en-
18 gagement to improve United States
19 foreign policy effectiveness;

20 “(II) enhancing the awareness,
21 understanding, and involvement of
22 United States citizens in the foreign
23 policy process; and

1 “(III) better engaging with for-
2 eign subnational governments to
3 strengthen diplomacy.

4 “(v) Any other matters as determined
5 relevant by the head of the Office.

6 “(B) BRIEFINGS.—Not later than 30 days
7 after the submission of the report required
8 under subparagraph (A) and annually there-
9 after, the head of the Office shall brief the
10 Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Com-
11 mittee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
12 resentatives and the Committee on Foreign Re-
13 lations and the Committee on Appropriations of
14 the Senate on the work of the Office and any
15 changes made to the organizational structure or
16 funding of the Office.

17 “(7) 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 “(8) 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.”.

