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Add at the end of subtitle C of title XVIII the following:

1 **SEC. 1859. UNITED STATES-ISRAEL BIOTECHNOLOGY RE-**
2 **SEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION.**

3 (a) GRANT PROGRAM.—

4 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall, in
5 consultation with the Secretary of State, the Sec-
6 retary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Energy, and
7 the heads of other appropriate Federal departments
8 and agencies, establish a grant program at the De-
9 partment to support—

10 (A) biotechnology research and develop-
11 ment; and

12 (B) demonstration and commercialization
13 of biotechnology.

14 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—

15 (A) APPLICABILITY.—Notwithstanding any
16 other provision of law, in carrying out a re-
17 search, development, demonstration, or com-
18 mercial application program or activity that is
19 authorized under this section, the Secretary

1 shall require cost sharing in accordance with
2 this paragraph.

3 (B) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.—

4 (i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided
5 in clause (ii), the Secretary shall require
6 not less than 50 percent of the cost of a
7 research, development, demonstration, or
8 commercial application program or activity
9 described in subparagraph (A) to be pro-
10 vided by a non-Federal source.

11 (ii) REDUCTION.—The Secretary may
12 reduce or eliminate, on a case-by-case
13 basis, the percentage requirement specified
14 in clause (i) if the Secretary determines
15 that such reduction or elimination is nec-
16 essary and appropriate.

17 (C) MERIT REVIEW.—In carrying out a re-
18 search, development, demonstration, or com-
19 mercial application program or activity that is
20 authorized under this section, awards shall be
21 made only after an impartial review of the sci-
22 entific and technical merit of the proposals for
23 such awards has been carried out by or for the
24 Department.

1 (3) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.—An applicant shall
2 be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection
3 if the project of the applicant—

4 (A) addresses a requirement in the area of
5 biotechnology, as determined by the Secretary;
6 and

7 (B) is a joint venture between—

8 (i)(I) a for-profit business entity, aca-
9 demic institution, or nonprofit entity in the
10 United States; and

11 (II) a for-profit business entity,
12 academic institution, or nonprofit en-
13 tity in Israel; or

14 (ii)(I) the Federal Government; and

15 (II) the Government of Israel.

16 (4) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to receive a
17 grant under this subsection, an applicant shall sub-
18 mit to the Secretary an application for the grant in
19 accordance with procedures established by the Sec-
20 retary, in consultation with the advisory board es-
21 tablished under paragraph (5).

22 (5) ADVISORY BOARD.—

23 (A) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary
24 shall establish an advisory board to—

1 (i) monitor the method by which
2 grants are awarded under this subsection;
3 and

4 (ii) provide to the Secretary periodic
5 performance reviews of actions taken to
6 carry out this subsection.

7 (B) COMPOSITION.—The advisory board
8 established under subparagraph (A) shall be
9 composed of three members, to be appointed by
10 the Secretary, of whom—

11 (i) one shall be a representative of the
12 Federal Government;

13 (ii) one shall be selected from a list of
14 nominees provided by the United States-
15 Israel Binational Industrial Research and
16 Development Foundation; one

17 (iii) one shall be a representative of
18 the Government of Israel after consultation
19 with and agreement of appropriate rep-
20 resentatives of such Government.

21 (6) CONTRIBUTED FUNDS.—Notwithstanding
22 any other provision of law, the Secretary may accept
23 or retain funds contributed by any person, govern-
24 ment entity, or organization for purposes of carrying
25 out this subsection. Such funds shall be available,

1 subject to appropriation, without fiscal year limita-
2 tion.

3 (7) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the
4 date of completion of a project for which a grant is
5 provided under this subsection, the grant recipient
6 shall submit to the Secretary a report that con-
7 tains—

8 (A) a description of how the grant funds
9 were used by the recipient; and

10 (B) an evaluation of the level of success of
11 each project funded by the grant.

12 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
13 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section not
14 less than \$4,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through
15 2028.

16 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

17 (1) the term “Department” means the Depart-
18 ment of Health and Human Services; and

19 (2) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary
20 of Health and Human Services.

