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At the end of subtitle C of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 1229. SUPPORT FOR FORCES IN IRAQ OPERATING IN THE NINEVEH PLAINS REGION OF IRAQ.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the United States should work with the Government of Iraq to ensure the safe and voluntary return of ethno-religious minority populations to their home communities in the Nineveh Plains region of Iraq.

(b) STRATEGY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, shall provide to the appropriate congressional committees a strategy to assist the Government of Iraq and relevant local authorities with the safe return of ethno-religious minorities displaced by violence in the Nineveh Plains region of Iraq.

(2) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required by this subsection should include the following:
(A) A strategy to support a political and security climate that allows ethno-religious minorities in the Nineveh Plains region to safely and voluntarily return to their home communities as well as to administer and secure their own areas in cooperation with federal authorities.

(B) An assessment of the impact of the Iraq and Syria Genocide Relief and Accountability Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–300) on return rates of vulnerable, indigenous, ethno-religious groups, including Assyrians and Yazidis, in those areas of the Nineveh Plains region in which funds have been spent.

(C) A description of the progress of and ability to integrate minority security forces previously trained by Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve (CJTF-OIR), such as the Nineveh Plain Protection Units, into the formal and permanent Iraqi state institutions.

(D) A description of the negative impact of Iranian-backed militias, such as PMF Brigades 30 and 50, on rates of return to, and ongoing
safety of communities within, the Nineveh Plains region.