



AMENDMENT NO. _____

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Purpose: To establish an office of the Special Representative for City and State Diplomacy.

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To provide for certain authorities of the Department of State, and for other purposes.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. MURPHY

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 **SEC. _____, ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL**
3 **REPRESENTATIVE FOR CITY AND STATE DI-**
4 **PLOMACY.**

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

8 **“(n) OFFICE OF SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR**
9 **CITY AND STATE DIPLOMACY.—**

10 **“(1) IN GENERAL.—**There is established within
11 the Office of Global Partnerships of the Department
12 of State an Office of the Special Representative for

1 City and State Diplomacy (in this subsection re-
2 ferred to as the 'Office').

3 "(2) HEAD.—The head of the Office shall be
4 the Special Representative for City and State Diplo-
5 macy, who shall be responsible for developing strate-
6 gies to advise and enhance subnational diplomacy
7 throughout the United States.

8 "(3) DUTIES.—

9 "(A) PRINCIPAL DUTY.—The principal
10 duty of the Special Representative shall be pro-
11 viding the overall strategic guidance of Depart-
12 ment of State support for subnational engage-
13 ments by State and municipal governments with
14 foreign governments. The Special Representa-
15 tive shall be the principal adviser to the Sec-
16 retary of State on subnational engagements, the
17 principal official on such matters within the
18 senior management of the Department of State,
19 and lead coordinator on such matters for other
20 relevant Federal agencies.

21 "(B) ADDITIONAL DUTIES.—The addi-
22 tional duties of the Special Representative shall
23 include the following:

24 "(i) Providing strategic guidance for
25 overall Department of State policy and

1 programs in support of subnational en-
2 gagements by State and municipal govern-
3 ments with foreign governments, including
4 with respect to the following:

5 “(I) Identifying policy, program,
6 and funding discrepancies among rel-
7 evant Federal agencies regarding sub-
8 national diplomacy engagement.

9 “(II) Advising on efforts to bet-
10 ter align the Department of State and
11 other Federal agencies in support of
12 such engagements.

13 “(ii) Identifying areas of alignment
14 between United States foreign policy and
15 State and municipal goals.

16 “(iii) Facilitating tools for State and
17 municipal officials to communicate with
18 the United States public regarding the
19 breadth of international engagement by
20 subnational actors and the impact of diplo-
21 macy across the United States.

22 “(iv) Facilitating linkages and net-
23 works among State and municipal govern-
24 ments, and between State and municipal

1 governments and their foreign counter-
2 parts.

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

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

15 “(4) COORDINATION.—With respect to matters
16 involving trade promotion and inward investment fa-
17 cilitation, the Office shall coordinate with and sup-
18 port the International Trade Administration of the
19 Department of Commerce as the lead Federal agen-
20 cy for trade promotion and facilitation of business
21 investment in the United States.

22 “(5) DETAILEES.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of
24 State, with respect to employees of the Depart-
25 ment of State, is authorized to detail a member

1 of the civil service or Foreign Service to State
2 and municipal governments on a reimbursable
3 or nonreimbursable basis. Such details shall be
4 for a period not to exceed two years, and shall
5 be without interruption or loss of status or
6 privilege.

7 “(B) RESPONSIBILITIES.—Detailees under
8 subparagraph (A) should carry out the fol-
9 lowing responsibilities:

10 “(i) Supporting the mission and objec-
11 tives of the host subnational government
12 office.

13 “(ii) Advising State and municipal
14 government officials regarding questions of
15 global affairs, foreign policy, cooperative
16 agreements, and public diplomacy.

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

23 “(iv) Engaging Federal agencies re-
24 garding security, public health, trade pro-

1 motion, and other programs executed at
2 the State or municipal government level.

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

6 “(C) ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL SUPPORT
7 FOR SUBNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT.—For the
8 purposes of this subsection, the Secretary of
9 State—

10 “(i) is authorized to employ individ-
11 uals by contract;

12 “(ii) is encouraged to make use of the
13 re-hired annuitants authority under section
14 3323 of title 5, United States Code, par-
15 ticularly for annuitants who are already re-
16 siding across the United States who may
17 have the skills and experience to support
18 subnational governments; and

19 “(iii) is encouraged to make use of
20 authorities under the Intergovernmental
21 Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4701 et
22 seq.) to temporarily assign State and local
23 government officials to the Department of
24 State or overseas missions to increase their
25 international experience and add their per-

1 spectives on United States priorities to the
2 Department.

3 “(6) REPORT AND BRIEFING.—

4 “(A) REPORT.—Not later than one year
5 after the date of the enactment of this sub-
6 section, the Special Representative shall submit
7 to the Committee on Foreign Relations and the
8 Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and
9 the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
10 Committee on Appropriations of the House of
11 Representatives a report that includes informa-
12 tion relating to the following:

13 “(i) The staffing plan (including per-
14 manent and temporary staff) for the Office
15 and a justification for the location of the
16 Office within the Department of State’s or-
17 ganizational structure.

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

21 “(iii) The rank and title granted to
22 the Special Representative, together with a
23 justification relating to such decision and
24 an analysis of whether the rank and title

1 is required to fulfill the duties of the Of-
2 fice.

3 “(iv) A strategic plan for the Office,
4 including relating to—

5 “(I) supporting subnational en-
6 gagements to improve United States
7 foreign policy effectiveness;

8 “(II) enhancing the awareness,
9 understanding, and involvement of
10 United States citizens in the foreign
11 policy process; and

12 “(III) better engaging with for-
13 eign subnational governments to
14 strengthen diplomacy.

15 “(v) Any other matters as determined
16 relevant by the Special Representative.

17 “(B) BRIEFINGS.—Not later than 30 days
18 after the submission of the report required
19 under subparagraph (A) and annually there-
20 after, the Special Representative shall brief the
21 Committee on Foreign Relations and the Com-
22 mittee on Appropriations of the Senate and the
23 Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Com-
24 mittee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
25 resentatives on the work of the Office and any

1 changes made to the organizational structure or
2 funding of the Office.

3 “(7) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
4 this subsection may be construed as precluding—

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

7 “(B) the Special Representative from being
8 elevated to an Assistant Secretary, if such an
9 Assistant Secretary position does not increase
10 the number of Assistant Secretary positions at
11 the Department above the number authorized
12 under subsection (c)(1).

13 “(8) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

14 “(A) MUNICIPAL.—The term ‘municipal’
15 means, with respect to the government of a mu-
16 nicipality in the United States, a municipality
17 with a population of not fewer than 100,000
18 people.

19 “(B) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means the
20 50 States, the District of Columbia, and any
21 territory or possession of the United States.

22 “(C) SUBNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT.—The
23 term ‘subnational engagement’ means formal
24 meetings or events between elected officials of

1. State or municipal governments and their for-
2. eign counterparts.".