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H. R. 1270

To reauthorize the United States–Poland Parliamentary Exchange Program,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KAPTUR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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Exchange Program, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Pawel Adamowicz
5 Democratic Leadership Exchange Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE**
2 **UNITED STATES-POLAND YOUTH PAR-**
3 **LIAMENTARY EXCHANGE PROGRAM.**

4 The United States–Poland Youth Parliamentary Ex-
5 change Program Act of 2007 (22 U.S.C. 2452 note) is
6 amended as follows:

7 (1) In section 4—

8 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
9 by inserting “and the Pawel Adamowicz Demo-
10 cratic Leadership Exchange Program” after
11 “the United States–Poland Youth Parliamen-
12 tary Exchange Program”;

13 (B) in paragraphs (1) and (2), by striking
14 “the Program” each place it appears and in-
15 serting “each Program”; and

16 (C) in paragraphs (4), (5), and (6), by
17 striking “the Program” each place it appears
18 and inserting “either Program”.

19 (2) In section 5(a)—

20 (A) by striking “fiscal year 2008” and in-
21 serting “fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year
22 thereafter”; and

23 (B) by striking “the youth exchange pro-
24 gram” and inserting “the programs”.

25 (3) By redesignating sections 4 and 5, as so
26 amended, as sections 5 and 6, respectively.

1 (4) By inserting after section 3 the following
2 new section:

3 **“SEC. 4. PAWEL ADAMOWICZ DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP**
4 **EXCHANGE PROGRAM.**

5 “(a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of State shall es-
6 tablish and carry out a parliamentary exchange for young
7 and upcoming democratic leaders of the United States and
8 Poland.

9 “(b) **DESIGNATION.**—The exchange program carried
10 out under this section shall be known as the “Pawel
11 Adamowicz Democratic Leadership Exchange” Program.

12 “(c) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of the exchange pro-
13 gram is to inspire and equip the next generation of Amer-
14 ican and Polish democratic leaders with the skills and net-
15 work needed to enhance democratic institutions and to
16 strengthen the transatlantic relationship.

17 “(d) **ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS.**—An individual is eli-
18 gible for participation in the exchange program if the indi-
19 vidual—

20 “(1) is a citizen or national of the United
21 States or Poland;

22 “(2) is—

23 “(A) an elected official of either such coun-
24 try, such as a Member of Congress or Par-

1 liament, or the head of a city or municipality;
2 or

3 “(B) a representative of a non-govern-
4 mental organization working to advance democ-
5 racy and human rights whose participation the
6 Secretary determines would advance the pur-
7 poses of the program; and

8 “(3) meets any other qualifications that the
9 Secretary of State may establish for purposes of the
10 program.

11 “(e) PROGRAM ELEMENTS.—Under the leadership
12 exchange program, eligible participants selected for par-
13 ticipation in the program shall—

14 “(1) travel to the United States or Poland for
15 1–2 weeks, or a similar duration set by the discre-
16 tion of the Secretary of State;

17 “(2) attend meetings, workshops, conference,
18 and similar gatherings to gather skills and develop
19 democratic networks; and

20 “(3) partake in such other enriching activities
21 the President determines to be appropriate to the
22 purposes of the program.”.

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