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To enhance United States support for identifying and recovering Ukrainian children who were abducted by the Russian Federation, and to hold accountable those who are responsible for such abductions.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. GRASSLEY) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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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 “Abducted Ukrainian
5 Children Recovery and Accountability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) According to a White House press release,
2 dated March 25, 2025, “The United States and
3 Ukraine agreed that the United States remains com-
4 mitted to helping achieve the exchange of prisoners
5 of war, the release of civilian detainees, and the re-
6 turn of forcibly transferred Ukrainian children.”.

7 (2) To implement the commitment referred to
8 in paragraph (1), the United States Government re-
9 quires an organized and resourced policy approach
10 to assist Ukraine with—

11 (A) investigations of Russia’s abduction of
12 Ukrainian children;

13 (B) the rehabilitation and reintegration of
14 children returned to Ukraine; and

15 (C) justice and accountability for perpetra-
16 tors of the abductions.

17 **SEC. 3. INVESTIGATION SUPPORT.**

18 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
19 AND ADVISORY SUPPORT.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Department of Justice,
21 the Department of State, and the Department of
22 Homeland Security are authorized—

23 (A) to provide technical assistance, train-
24 ing, capacity building, and advisory support to

1 the Government of Ukraine in support of the
2 commitment described in section 2(1); and

3 (B) to advance the objectives described in
4 section 2(2).

5 (2) TYPE OF ASSISTANCE.—The technical as-
6 sistance authorized under paragraph (1)(A) may in-
7 clude—

8 (A) training regarding the utilization of bi-
9 ometric identification technologies in abduction
10 and trafficking investigations;

11 (B) assistance with respect to collecting
12 and analyzing open source intelligence informa-
13 tion;

14 (C) assistance in the development and use
15 of secure communications technologies; and

16 (D) assistance with respect to managing
17 and securing relevant databases.

18 (b) COORDINATION.—

19 (1) NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS.—The
20 Department of Justice, the Department of State,
21 and the Department of Homeland Security shall co-
22 ordinate with, and may provide grants to, non-
23 governmental organizations to carry out the assist-
24 ance authorized under subsection (a).

1 (2) FEDERAL AGENCIES.—The National Secu-
2 rity Council shall convene meetings with appropriate
3 representatives from the Department of Justice, the
4 Department of State, the Department of Homeland
5 Security, and the intelligence community (as defined
6 in section 3 of the National Security Act of 1947
7 (50 U.S.C. 3003) to carry out the assistance author-
8 ized under subsection (a).

9 (c) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—The National
10 Geospatial-Intelligence Agency may not suspend or termi-
11 nate the Government of Ukraine’s access to the Global
12 Enhanced GEOINT Delivery Program unless the Director
13 of such agency, not later than 30 days before the date
14 of such suspension or termination, submits a notification
15 to Congress that includes—

16 (1) a justification for such suspension or termi-
17 nation; and

18 (2) a plan describing an alternate method by
19 which the Government of Ukraine may access sat-
20 ellite imagery collected by the United States Govern-
21 ment.

22 **SEC. 4. REHABILITATION AND REINTEGRATION.**

23 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF ASSISTANCE.—The Sec-
24 retary of State and the Administrator of the United States
25 Agency for International Development are authorized to

1 provide support to the Government of Ukraine and to non-
2 governmental organizations and local civil society groups
3 in Ukraine for the purpose of providing Ukrainian chil-
4 dren who have been abducted by the Russian Federation
5 with—

6 (1) medical and psychological rehabilitation
7 services;

8 (2) family support services; and

9 (3) services in support of the reintegration of
10 such children into Ukrainian society, including legal
11 aid and educational screening and placement.

12 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date
13 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall
14 submit a report to the Committee on Foreign Relations
15 of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
16 the House of Representatives that describes all current or
17 planned foreign assistance programs that will provide the
18 assistance authorized under subsection (a).

19 **SEC. 5. JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY.**

20 (a) ATROCITY CRIMES ADVISORY GROUP FOR
21 UKRAINE.—The Department of State, under the direction
22 of the Ambassador at Large for Global Criminal Justice,
23 is authorized to support the Atrocity Crimes Advisory
24 Group for Ukraine by providing technical assistance, ca-
25 pacity building, and advisory support to the Government

1 of Ukraine's Office of the Prosecutor General, and other
2 relevant components of the Government of Ukraine, for
3 the purpose of investigating and prosecuting cases involv-
4 ing abducted children, and other war crimes.

5 (b) DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.—The Department of
6 Justice is authorized to provide technical assistance, ca-
7 pacity building, and advisory support to the Government
8 of Ukraine through its Office of Overseas Prosecutorial
9 Development, Assistance, and Training, which shall be co-
10 ordinated by the Resident Legal Adviser at the United
11 States Embassy in Kyiv, for the purpose of investigating
12 and prosecuting cases involving abducted children, and
13 other atrocity crimes.

14 (c) REPORTS.—Not later than 60 days after the date
15 of the enactment of this Act—

16 (1) the Secretary of State, in coordination with
17 the Attorney General, shall submit a report to the
18 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, the
19 Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate, the Com-
20 mittee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
21 resentatives, and the Committee on the Judiciary of
22 the House of Representatives that describes current
23 and planned United States Government support for
24 the Government of Ukraine's work to investigate
25 and prosecute war crimes; and

1 (2) the Secretary of State, in coordination with
2 the Secretary of the Treasury, shall submit a report
3 to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-
4 ate, the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
5 Urban Affairs of the Senate, the Committee on For-
6 eign Affairs of the House of Representatives, and
7 the Committee on Financial Services of the House of
8 Representatives that outlines—

9 (A) any discrepancies between the sanc-
10 tions regimes of the United States, the United
11 Kingdom, and the European Union with respect
12 to those responsible for the abduction of
13 Ukrainian children; and

14 (B) efforts made by the United States
15 Government to better align such sanction re-
16 gimes.

17 **SEC. 6. USE OF SEIZED RUSSIAN SOVEREIGN ASSETS.**

18 The President may utilize any Russian sovereign as-
19 sets held within the United States for the purposes de-
20 scribed in this Act and in accordance with the Rebuilding
21 Economic Prosperity and Opportunity for Ukrainians Act
22 (division F of Public Law 118–50).