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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LANDSMAN introduced the following bill; which was 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SUPPORTING THE IDENTIFICATION AND RE-**
2 **COVERY OF ABDUCTED UKRAINIAN CHIL-**
3 **DREN.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the
5 “Abducted Ukrainian Children Recovery and Account-
6 ability Act”.

7 (b) **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds the following:

8 (1) According to a White House press release,
9 dated March, 2025, “The United States and
10 Ukraine agreed that the United States remains com-
11 mitted to helping achieve the exchange of prisoners
12 of war, the release of civilian detainees, and the re-
13 turn of forcibly transferred Ukrainian children.”.

14 (2) To implement the commitment referred to
15 in paragraph (1), the United States Government re-
16 quires an organized and resourced policy approach
17 to assist Ukraine with—

18 (A) investigations of Russia’s abduction of
19 Ukrainian children;

20 (B) the rehabilitation and reintegration of
21 children returned to Ukraine; and

22 (C) justice and accountability for perpetra-
23 tors of the abductions.

24 (c) **AUTHORIZATION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**
25 **AND ADVISORY SUPPORT.**—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Department of Justice
2 and the Department of State are authorized—

3 (A) to provide law enforcement and intel-
4 ligence technical assistance, training, capacity
5 building, and advisory support to the Govern-
6 ment of Ukraine in support of the commitment
7 described in subsection (b)(1); and

8 (B) to advance the objectives described in
9 subsection (b)(2).

10 (2) TYPE OF ASSISTANCE.—The law enforce-
11 ment and intelligence technical assistance authorized
12 under paragraph (1)(A) may include—

13 (A) training regarding the utilization of bi-
14 ometric identification technologies in abduction
15 and trafficking in persons investigations;

16 (B) assistance with respect to collecting
17 and analyzing open source intelligence informa-
18 tion;

19 (C) assistance in the development and use
20 of secure communications technologies; and

21 (D) assistance with respect to managing
22 and securing relevant databases.

23 (3) REPORTS.—Not later than 30 days after
24 the determination to provide assistance in any cat-
25 egory identified in this subsection, the Secretary of

1 State shall brief the Committee on Foreign Relations
2 of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs
3 of the House of Representatives on—

4 (A) the amount of assistance determined to
5 be obligated;

6 (B) the type of assistance to be utilized;
7 and

8 (C) any information on the technology
9 operationalized to support the means identified
10 in this subsection.

11 (d) COORDINATION.—

12 (1) NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS.—The
13 Department of Justice and the Department of State
14 may coordinate with, and provide grants to, non-
15 governmental organizations to carry out the assist-
16 ance authorized under subsection (c).

17 (2) FEDERAL AGENCIES.—The National Secu-
18 rity Council may coordinate with appropriate rep-
19 resentatives from the Department of Justice, the
20 Department of State, the intelligence community (as
21 defined in section 3 of the National Security Act of
22 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003)), and other Federal agen-
23 cies, as needed, to carry out the assistance author-
24 ized under subsection (c).

25 (e) REHABILITATION AND REINTEGRATION.—

1 (1) AUTHORIZATION OF ASSISTANCE.—The
2 Secretary of State is authorized to provide support
3 to the Government of Ukraine and nongovernmental
4 organizations and local civil society groups in
5 Ukraine for the purpose of providing Ukrainian chil-
6 dren (including teenagers) who have been abducted,
7 forcibly transferred, or held against their will by the
8 Russian Federation with—

9 (A) medical and psychological rehabilita-
10 tion services;

11 (B) family reunification and support serv-
12 ices; and

13 (C) services in support of the reintegration
14 of such children into Ukrainian society, includ-
15 ing case management, legal aid, and edu-
16 cational screening and placement.

17 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the
18 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
19 State shall submit a report to the Committee on
20 Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee
21 on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives
22 that describes all current or planned foreign assist-
23 ance programs that will provide the assistance au-
24 thorized under paragraph (1).

1 (f) ATROCITY CRIMES ADVISORY GROUP FOR
2 UKRAINE.—The Department of State is authorized to
3 support the Atrocity Crimes Advisory Group for Ukraine
4 by providing technical assistance, capacity building, and
5 advisory support to the Government of Ukraine’s Office
6 of the Prosecutor General, and other relevant components
7 of the Government of Ukraine, for the purpose of inves-
8 tigating and prosecuting cases involving abducted chil-
9 dren, and other atrocity crimes.

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

19 (h) REPORTS.—Not later than 60 days after the date
20 of the enactment of this Act—

21 (1) the Secretary of State, in coordination with
22 the Attorney General, shall submit a report to the
23 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, the
24 Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate, the Com-
25 mittee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-

1 representatives, and the Committee on the Judiciary of
2 the House of Representatives that describes current
3 and planned United States Government support for
4 the Government of Ukraine's work to investigate
5 and prosecute atrocity crimes; and

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

14 (A) any discrepancies between the sanc-
15 tions regimes of the United States, the United
16 Kingdom, and the European Union with respect
17 to those responsible for the abduction of
18 Ukrainian children; and

19 (B) efforts made by the United States
20 Government to better align such sanction re-
21 gimes.