

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC

April 6, 2026

The Honorable Marco Rubio
Secretary
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20520

The Honorable Scott Bessent
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Treasury
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Secretary Rubio and Secretary Bessent:

We write to urge further sanctions against individuals and entities involved in the Russian Federation's abduction and militarization of children from Ukraine. The 30-day sanction waiver issued on March 12, 2026, on certain Gazprom and Rosneft products – framed as an effort to bring down global oil prices – will result in approximately \$12 billion of revenue for the two state-owned energy rackets. On top of their ongoing bankrolling of the Kremlin's criminal invasion of Ukraine, the recent revelation of their direct involvement in Russia's abduction of over 35,000 children from Ukraine is cause for significant alarm. We urge you to immediately end this sanctions waiver to ensure the American consumer is no longer indirectly bankrolling such appalling war crimes.

Last year, 17 bipartisan members of Congress wrote regarding, among other items of concern, aligning U.S. sanctions against perpetrators of these crimes with those of the United Kingdom. To date, the four individuals sanctioned by the United Kingdom but not sanctioned by the United States remain absent from the Office of Foreign Asset Control database and no explanation, public or otherwise, has been given in response.¹ We respectfully reiterate this request regarding Tetiana Zavalska, Igor Kazarezov, Andrey Sabinov, and Serafim Vikentevich Ivanov.

Additionally, the recent release of the Yale Humanitarian Research Lab's (Yale HRL) report detailing Gazprom and Rosneft's direct involvement in the child abductions adds significant urgency to this request.² This report is based primarily on the public statements of individuals

¹ Landsman, Bacon, et al. "Letter to Secretary Rubio and Secretary Bessent." March 19, 2025.
https://cohen.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/cohen.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/2025.03.19_ukrainian-children-letter.pdf

² Bogardus, Nathaniel, Paige Farrenkopf, Caitlin N. Howarth, and Nathaniel A. Raymond et al. "Willing Accomplices: Gazprom and Rosneft's Role in the Transport and Indoctrination of Ukraine's Children." 25 March 2026, Humanitarian Research Lab at Yale School of Public Health: New Haven. Available at <https://medicine.yale.edu/lab/khoshnood/publications/reports>

involved in these crimes, admitting to their own culpability in the trafficking of Ukrainian children as part of a Russian campaign to destroy Ukraine's national identity.

We urge you to sanction the 35 entities and individuals currently unsanctioned by the United States or Europe associated with Gazprom and Rosneft that Yale HRL assesses with high confidence are directly involved in the abduction, relocation, internment, brainwashing, and military training of children from Ukraine.

In addition to reinstating sanctions against Gazprom and Rosneft, we urge you to sanction the following individuals and entities for their involvement in the trafficking and militarization of Ukrainian children:

OOO DOK "Signal", Golovachev Alexander Mikhailovich, Rodionov Andrey Viktorovich, Ocheredko Ninaf Alekseevna, DOK "Sputnik", OOO "Art-Kvest", OOO "DOLP im. A.V. Kazakevicha, Sergey Anatolievich Krivoklyakin, Belousov Vladislav Viktorovich, Lutsenko Maxim Petrovich, OOO "GAZPROM TRANSGAZ EKATERINBURG", SHAPOVALENKO IHOR MYKOLAEVYCH, RYABININ ALEXANDER IVANOVICH, RAVILDA HOLDINGS LTD, Kryukov Alexey Vyacheslavovich, Shalimov Sergey Anatolyevich, Kasyanenko Andrey Alexandrovich, Koryakin Alexander Yuryevich, SANTRA ELENA CHARALAMPOUS, PPO "GAZPROM DOBYChA ĪAMBURG PROFSOĪUZ", Alimov Ruslan Maratovich, OOO "LOK "VITĪAZ""", Saranchuk Roman Viktorovich, Shchegolev Dmitry Pavlovich, IGOR VASILIEVICH MELNIKOV, Oil Gas Construction Trade Union of Russia, Korchagin Alexander Viktorovich, OOO "Gazprom Mezhrefiongaz Moskva", Telnov Oleg Vladimirovich, Gazprom Mezhrefiongaz Rostov-on-Don LLC, Berezhnoy Pavel Vladimirovich, Revenko Vladimir Yuryevich, Gustov Sergey Vadimovich, MPO PJSC "NK "Rosneft", Karaganov Sergey Vasilievich.

Every day that Ukrainian children stolen from their homes remain in Russia, they are at greater risk of being lost in Dictator Vladimir Putin's authoritarian system for the rest of their lives. The actors identified in Yale HRL's new report are responsible for helping to abduct, indoctrinate, and militarize these children against their own country—their own families. It is an unconscionable crime, and one that the United States must take every measure to halt and hold the perpetrators accountable.

Thank you for your ongoing work on this matter.

Sincerely,

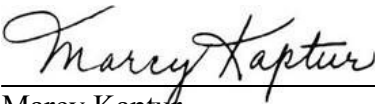



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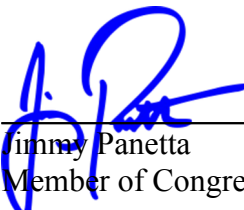

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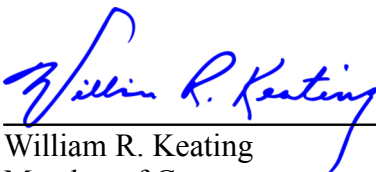

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