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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. WALKINSHAW 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Justice for Ukrainian
5 Children Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS; STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

2 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
3 gress that—

4 (1) according to the Ukrainian Government, as
5 of February 2026, the Russian Federation has forc-
6 ibly abducted, kidnapped, and deported more than
7 20,000 Ukrainian children;

8 (2) the Independent International Commission
9 of Inquiry on Ukraine concluded that the Russian
10 Federation’s deportation and forcible transfer of
11 Ukrainian children constitute war crimes and crimes
12 against humanity; and

13 (3) the Russian Federation poses an immediate
14 and growing threat to Ukrainian children living
15 under its control.

16 (b) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
17 United States that the United States Permanent Rep-
18 resentative to the United Nations shall veto resolutions
19 proposed to the United Nations Security Council that ab-
20 solve the Russian Federation of accountability for its ille-
21 gal and unjust invasion of Ukraine and its unlawful trans-
22 fer, deportation, indoctrination, and militarization of
23 Ukrainian children.

1 **SEC. 3. SUPPORT FOR UNLAWFULLY TRANSFERRED**
2 **UKRAINIAN CHILDREN.**

3 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 are authorized to be appropriated for each of fiscal years
5 2027 through 2032 not less than \$15,000,000 from funds
6 made available for National Security Investment Pro-
7 grams to support—

8 (1) ongoing efforts to collect, analyze, and pre-
9 serve evidence related to the forcible abduction and
10 transfer of Ukrainian children to the Russian Fed-
11 eration; and

12 (2) efforts to locate, rescue and rehabilitate ab-
13 ducted Ukrainian children.

14 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts authorized to be ap-
15 propriated under subsection (a) may only be used for—

16 (1) documenting, identifying, tracking, and
17 verifying the unlawful or forcible transfer, deporta-
18 tion, indoctrination, or militarization of Ukrainian
19 children and related actions by the Government of
20 the Russian Federation;

21 (2) creating, maintaining, and operating a cen-
22 tralized database to preserve evidence related to
23 such unlawful acts;

24 (3) dissemination of gathered data to Europol,
25 the Ukrainian Ministry of Justice, and civil society

1 organizations working to ensure the return of
2 Ukrainian children;

3 (4) supporting efforts to hold the Government
4 of the Russian Federation accountable for violations
5 of international law arising from acts described in
6 paragraph (1); and

7 (5) assisting appropriate civil society and gov-
8 ernment stakeholders, as determined by the Sec-
9 retary of State, in locating, rescuing and rehabili-
10 tating children forcibly transferred or held under oc-
11 cupation by the Russian authorities.

12 (c) CONDITIONS ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—
13 None of the amounts authorized to be appropriated under
14 subsection (a) may be obligated or expended for the cre-
15 ation, maintenance, and operation of centralized database
16 described in subsection (b)(2) unless the Secretary of
17 State—

18 (1) enters into a formal agreement with civil so-
19 ciety organizations and the Ukrainian Ministry of
20 Justice to carry out the activities described in sub-
21 section (b); and

22 (2) establishes protocols to ensure the integrity,
23 security, and controlled access of such database, in-
24 cluding appropriate access for the civil society orga-

1 nizations, the Ukrainian Ministry of Justice, and
2 other designated entities.

3 (d) OVERSIGHT AND REPORTING.—Not later than
4 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and
5 annually thereafter for five years, the Secretary of State
6 shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees
7 a report on—

8 (1) the use of amounts made available under
9 subsection (a);

10 (2) the status and functionality of the database
11 described in subsection (b)(2);

12 (3) actions taken to promote accountability for
13 the unlawful transfer and deportation of Ukrainian
14 children by the Russian Federation; and

15 (4) actions taken to prioritize the immediate re-
16 turn of deported or forcibly transferred Ukrainian
17 children and reunification of families in negotiations
18 with the Russian Federation and Ukraine to end the
19 war.

20 **SEC. 4. SANCTIONS REGARDING UNLAWFUL TRANSFER**
21 **AND DEPORTATION OF UKRAINIAN CHIL-**
22 **DREN.**

23 (a) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—The President shall
24 impose the sanctions described in subsection (b) with re-
25 spect to any foreign person the President determines has

1 knowingly directed, participated in, or facilitated the un-
2 lawful transfer, deportation, indoctrination, or militariza-
3 tion of Ukrainian children.

4 (b) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions de-
5 scribed in this subsection are the following:

6 (1) PROPERTY BLOCKING.—Notwithstanding
7 section 202 of the International Emergency Eco-
8 nomic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701), the President
9 shall exercise all powers granted to the President
10 under such Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) to the ex-
11 tent necessary to block and prohibit all transactions
12 in property and interests in property of a person de-
13 scribed in subsection (a) if such property and inter-
14 ests in property are in the United States, come with-
15 in the United States, or come within the possession
16 or control of a United States person.

17 (2) INADMISSIBILITY TO THE UNITED
18 STATES.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an alien
20 described in subsection (a), the alien is—

21 (i) inadmissible to the United States;

22 and

23 (ii) ineligible for a visa or other docu-
24 mentation to enter the United States.

1 (B) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—The visa
2 or other entry documentation of an alien de-
3 scribed in subsection (a) shall be revoked, re-
4 gardless of when such visa or other entry docu-
5 mentation was issued, in accordance with sec-
6 tion 221(i) of the Immigration and Nationality
7 Act (8 U.S.C. 1201(i)).

8 (3) EXCEPTIONS.—

9 (A) EXCEPTION FOR AUTHORIZED INTEL-
10 LIGENCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVI-
11 TIES.—Sanctions under this subsection shall
12 not apply with respect to activities subject to
13 the reporting requirements under title V of the
14 National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3091
15 et seq.) or any authorized intelligence, law en-
16 forcement, or national security activities of the
17 United States.

18 (B) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH INTER-
19 NATIONAL AGREEMENTS.—Sanctions under
20 paragraph (2) shall not apply with respect to
21 the admission of an alien to the United States
22 if such admission is necessary to comply with
23 the obligations of the United States under the
24 Agreement regarding the Headquarters of the
25 United Nations, signed at Lake Success June

1 26, 1947, and entered into force November 21,
2 1947, between the United Nations and the
3 United States, or the Convention on Consular
4 Relations, done at Vienna April 24, 1963, and
5 entered into force March 19, 1967, or other
6 international obligations.

7 (C) HUMANITARIAN EXCEPTION.—Sanctions under paragraph (1) shall not apply to—

9 (i) the conduct or facilitation of a
10 transaction for the provision of agricultural
11 commodities, food, medicine, medical de-
12 vices, humanitarian assistance, or for hu-
13 manitarian purposes; or

14 (ii) transactions that are necessary
15 for, or related to, these activities.

16 (c) NATIONAL SECURITY WAIVER.—The President
17 may waive the application of sanctions under this section
18 with respect to a foreign person if the President—

19 (1) determines that such waiver is vital to the
20 national security of the United States; and

21 (2) not fewer than 15 days before such waiver
22 takes effect, submits to the appropriate congres-
23 sional committees a notification of such waiver and
24 an explanation of the reason for such waiver.

1 **SEC. 5. ENSURING AVAILABILITY OF ACCURATE REPORT-**
2 **ING TO COMBAT RUSSIAN DISINFORMATION.**

3 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
4 authorized to be appropriated for each of fiscal years 2027
5 through 2032 not less than \$10,000,000 to carry out
6 surge programming in the Ukrainian, Balkan, Russian,
7 and Tatar language services of Radio Free Europe/Radio
8 Liberty and Voice of America for the purpose of bolstering
9 existing United States programming to the people of
10 Ukraine and neighboring regions and increasing program-
11 ming capacity and jamming circumvention technology to
12 overcome any disruptions to service.

13 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 15 days after the date
14 of the enactment of this Act, the Chief Executive Officer
15 of the United States Agency for Global Media shall submit
16 to the appropriate congressional committees a detailed re-
17 port on plans to increase broadcasts described in sub-
18 section (a).

19 **SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS.**

20 In this Act:

21 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
22 TEES.—In this Act, the term “appropriate congres-
23 sional committees” means—

24 (A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
25 the Committee on Appropriations of the House
26 of Representatives; and

1 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations
2 and the Committee on Appropriations of the
3 Senate.

4 (2) UKRAINIAN CHILDREN.—The term
5 “Ukrainian children” means children born in
6 Ukraine or who are inhabitants of Ukraine, regard-
7 less of whether the children are subsequently traf-
8 ficked or forced to assume Russian citizenship.