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Justice for Ukrainian Children Act

Overview

Representatives James Walkinshaw, Don Bacon, Greg Landsman, and Brian Fitzpatrick are introducing the bipartisan Justice for Ukrainian Children Act to support efforts to investigate, document, and prevent the Russian Federation's forcible abduction and deportation of Ukrainian children. The legislation strengthens accountability for Russian war crimes and supports ongoing efforts to locate and return abducted Ukrainian children to their families.

The Legislation

The bill would:

- Appropriate $15 million to support efforts to identify, locate, and rescue abducted Ukrainian children.
- Require information collected through these efforts to be shared with Europol, the Ukrainian Ministry of Justice, and Ukrainian civil society organizations.
- Impose sanctions on Russian officials involved in the forcible transfer and deportation of Ukrainian children.
- Support Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) programming to counter Russian misinformation and disinformation campaigns.
- Encourage the U.S. Representative to the United Nations to oppose efforts that shield Russia from accountability for its illegal invasion of Ukraine.

This bill is supported by Razom for Ukraine, the American Coalition for Ukraine, and the Ukrainian Embassy in the U.S.

Why It Matters

Russia's forcible transfer of Ukrainian children has been widely documented and condemned by the international community. Supporting efforts to locate abducted children, hold perpetrators accountable, and counter Russian disinformation is critical to securing justice and facilitating the safe return of these children.

Conclusion

The bipartisan Justice for Ukrainian Children Act strengthens U.S. support for the recovery of approximately 19,000 abducted Ukrainian children, promotes accountability for Russian war crimes, and reinforces America's commitment to defending human rights and the rule of law.

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