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Hello, my name is [Your Name], and I live in [City, State, ZIP Code].

I'm calling about S.2978, which would designate the Russian Federation a State Sponsor of Terrorism.
The designation will only occur only if Russia does not return children it has illegally abducted from Ukraine within 60 days since the bill is passed.

The bill also includes a clear off-ramp: the designation can be rescinded after the State Department can certify that all these children have been reunited and reintegration is underway. Russia has abducted 20,000 Ukrainian children. It subjects them to an aggressive militarization, illegal adoption and re-education. There are reports that Russia also sends Ukrainian children to military camps in North Korea that is designated a state sponsor of terrorism by the US.

I believe that Russia deserves the same designation for what it is doing to Ukrainian children.

This resolution sets a deadline to return the stolen children and puts real pressure on Putin. That's why I'm asking the Senator to co-sponsor this bill and push for swift Senate action.

Thank you for your time.

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Hello, my name is [Your Name], and I live in [City, State, ZIP Code].

I’m calling to urge Senator [Last Name] to co-sponsor S.Res. 236, calling for the return of abducted Ukrainian children before finalizing any peace agreement with Putin.

Russia has abducted some 20,000 Ukrainian children. It continues to aggressively militarize 1.6 million of those children who stay under occupation.
As negotiations continue, the U.S. should be clear: the return of abducted Ukrainian children must be a non-negotiable condition before any peace agreement is finalized. Children cannot be treated as bargaining chips. If Russia can steal the children and keep them, it invites future atrocities and destabilizes the rules-based order.

As a constituent, I urge the Senator to support this bipartisan legislation
Thank you for your time.