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To direct the Director of National Intelligence to designate an intelligence community coordinator for Russian atrocities accountability, and for other purposes.

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Mr. CROW (for himself and Mr. WALTZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

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 “Intelligence Commu-
5 nity Coordinator for Russian Atrocities Accountability Act
6 of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY COORDINATOR FOR**
2 **RUSSIAN ATROCITIES ACCOUNTABILITY.**

3 (a) INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY COORDINATOR FOR
4 RUSSIAN ATROCITIES ACCOUNTABILITY.—

5 (1) DESIGNATION.—Not later than 30 days
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Di-
7 rector of National Intelligence shall designate a sen-
8 ior official of the Office of the Director of National
9 Intelligence to serve as the intelligence community
10 coordinator for Russian atrocities accountability (in
11 this section referred to as the “Coordinator”).

12 (2) DUTIES.—The Coordinator shall oversee the
13 efforts of the intelligence community relating to the
14 following:

15 (A) Identifying, and (as appropriate) dis-
16 seminating within the United States Govern-
17 ment, intelligence relating to the identification,
18 location, or activities of foreign persons sus-
19 pected of playing a role in committing Russian
20 atrocities in Ukraine.

21 (B) Identifying analytic and other intel-
22 ligence needs and priorities of the intelligence
23 community with respect to the commitment of
24 such Russian atrocities.

25 (C) Addressing any gaps in intelligence
26 collection relating to the commitment of such

1 Russian atrocities and developing recommenda-
2 tions to address any gaps so identified, includ-
3 ing by recommending the modification of the
4 priorities of the intelligence community with re-
5 spect to intelligence collection.

6 (D) Collaborating with appropriate coun-
7 terparts across the intelligence community to
8 ensure appropriate coordination on, and inte-
9 gration of the analysis of, the commitment of
10 such Russian atrocities.

11 (E) Identifying intelligence and other in-
12 formation that may be relevant to preserve evi-
13 dence of potential war crimes by Russia, con-
14 sistent with the public commitments of the
15 United States to support investigations into the
16 conduct of Russia.

17 (F) Ensuring the Atrocities Early Warning
18 Task Force and other relevant departments and
19 agencies of the United States Government re-
20 ceive appropriate support from the intelligence
21 community with respect to the collection, anal-
22 ysis, preservation, and, as appropriate, dissemi-
23 nation, of intelligence related to Russian atroc-
24 ities in Ukraine.

1 (3) PLAN REQUIRED.—Not later than 30 days
2 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director
3 of National Intelligence shall submit to the congressional intelligence committees—

5 (A) the name of the official designated as
6 the Coordinator pursuant to paragraph (1); and

7 (B) the strategy of the intelligence community for the collection of intelligence related to
8 Russian atrocities in Ukraine, including a detailed description of how the Coordinator shall
9 support, and assist in facilitating the implementation of, such strategy.

13 (4) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

14 (A) REPORTS REQUIRED.—Not later than
15 May 1, 2023, and annually thereafter until May
16 1, 2026, the Director of National Intelligence
17 shall submit to the congressional intelligence
18 committees a report detailing, for the year covered by the report—

20 (i) the analytical findings and activities of the intelligence community with respect to
21 Russian atrocities in Ukraine; and
22 (ii) the recipients of information

23 shared pursuant to this section for the
24 purpose of ensuring accountability for such
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1 Russian atrocities, and the date of any
2 such sharing.

3 (B) FORM.—Each report submitted under
4 subparagraph (A) may be submitted in classi-
5 fied form, consistent with the protection of in-
6 telligence sources and methods.

7 (C) SUPPLEMENT.—The Director of Na-
8 tional Intelligence may supplement an existing
9 reporting requirement with the information re-
10 quired under subparagraph (A) on an annual
11 basis to satisfy that requirement with prior no-
12 tification of intent to do so to the congressional
13 intelligence committees.

14 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) ATROCITY.—The term “atrocities” means a
16 war crime, crime against humanity, genocide, or
17 crime of aggression.

18 (2) COMMIT.—The term “commit”, with respect
19 to an atrocity, includes the planning, committing,
20 aiding, and abetting of such atrocity.

21 (3) CONGRESSIONAL INTELLIGENCE COMMIT-
22 TEES; INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.—The terms
23 “congressional intelligence committees” and “intel-
24 ligence community” have the meanings given those

1 terms in section 3 of the National Security Act of
2 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003).

3 (4) FOREIGN PERSON.—The term “foreign per-
4 son” means a person that is not a United States
5 person.

6 (5) RUSSIAN ATROCITY.—The term “Russian
7 atrocity” means an atrocity that is committed by an
8 individual who is—

9 (A) a member of the armed forces, or the
10 security or other defense services, of the Rus-
11 sian Federation;

12 (B) an employee of any other element of
13 the Russian Government; or

14 (C) an agent or contractor of an individual
15 specified in subparagraph (A) or (B).

16 (6) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term
17 “United States person” has the meaning given that
18 term in section 105A(c) of the National Security Act
19 of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3039).

20 (c) SUNSET.—This section shall cease to have effect
21 on the date that is 4 years after the date of the enactment
22 of this Act.

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