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To improve the intelligence received by the Secretary of State to identify, prevent, and respond to atrocities.

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Ms. STEFANIK (for herself, Ms. SPANBERGER, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. WITTMAN, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. LAMBORN, and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “Geospatial Support
5 for Atrocity Accountability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROVISION OF INTELLIGENCE TO IDENTIFY, PRE-**
7 **VENT, AND RESPOND TO ATROCITIES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State, acting
9 through the Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Conflict

1 and Stabilization Operations, shall ensure that the De-
2 partment of State receives the following information of the
3 United States Government:

4 (1) Intelligence to identify, prevent, and re-
5 spond to atrocities pursuant to the Elie Wiesel
6 Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act of 2018
7 (Public Law 115–441; 132 Stat. 5586).

8 (2) Evidence and information collected, ana-
9 lyzed, or preserved relating to war crimes, other
10 atrocities, forced disappearances, and atrocity crime
11 scenes.

12 (b) DEPARTMENT OF STATE ATROCITY WARNING
13 TASK FORCE.—The Secretary of State shall ensure that
14 intelligence, evidence, and information received pursuant
15 to subsection (a) is provided to the Department of State
16 Atrocity Warning Task Force. The Task Force shall pro-
17 vide unclassified commercial geospatial imagery and anal-
18 ysis of such imagery received pursuant to subsection (a)
19 to—

20 (1) appropriate domestic, foreign, and inter-
21 national courts and tribunals prosecuting persons re-
22 sponsible for crimes for which such imagery may
23 provide evidence (including genocide, crimes against
24 humanity, and war crimes, including with respect to

1 missing persons and suspected atrocity crime
2 scenes);

3 (2) the International Commission on Missing
4 Persons and relevant civil society organizations (in
5 addition to providing such organizations with other
6 evidence archived by the Task Force); and

7 (3) the public to notify persons of potential
8 atrocities and warn persons who are believed to be
9 preparing to commit atrocities.

10 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) ATROCITIES.—The term “atrocities” has
12 the meaning given that term in section 6 of the Elie
13 Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act of
14 2018 (Public Law 115–441; 132 Stat. 5586).

15 (2) ATROCITY CRIME SCENE.—The term
16 “atrocity crime scene” means one or more locations
17 that are relevant to the investigation of an atrocity,
18 including buildings or locations (including bodies of
19 water) where physical evidence may be collected re-
20 lating to the perpetrators, victims, and events of the
21 atrocity, such as mass graves and other sites con-
22 taining deceased individuals.

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