

## **The RELIEF for Ukraine Act of 2022**

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Putin's illegal invasion of Ukraine has brought a major land war to Europe for the first time in a generation. Putin not only attacked the Ukrainian people's right to self-determination, but also the international order that has kept Americans safe. Russian forces have killed hundreds of civilians, leveled population centers, and created millions of refugees in an affront to human decency and the laws of war.

To hold Russia accountable, the United States has imposed crippling sanctions on Russian financial institutions, Putin, and the cadre of oligarchs who have enabled the war. On March 2, 2022, U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland launched the Task Force KleptoCapture to use every authority of the Department of Justice to seize the assets of individuals and entities who violate U.S. sanctions, many of whom have amassed fortunes through criminality and corruption.

Senator Bennet and Senator Portman's **Repurposing Elite Luxuries into Emergency Funds (RELIEF) for Ukraine Act** would:

- Direct money from the disposal of any assets seized by the Department of Justice into a new Ukrainian Relief Fund.
- Direct the new Fund to support Ukrainian refugees, Ukraine's reconstruction, and other efforts to support the sovereignty, dignity, and welfare of the Ukrainian people.
- Empower the Department of State to administer the Fund, in consultation with the U.S. Agency for International Development.
- Require regular reports to Congress on the assets seized, funds transferred, and steps to support Ukraine.