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# H. R. 6196

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 2, 2023

Mr. MOLINARO (for himself, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. OWENS, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. CISCOMANI, and Mr. GARBARINO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Israel-Hamas War  
3 Crimes Deterrence and Accountability Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

5 It is the sense of Congress that—

6 (1) in its premeditated, unjustified, and deadly  
7 assault on Israel in years on October 7, 2023,  
8 Hamas militants crossing the border with a heavy  
9 barrage of rockets and gunmen, resulting in the  
10 deaths of at least 1,400 Israelis and 32 United  
11 States citizens, crimes that include but are not lim-  
12 ited to—

13 (A) the deliberate killing of civilians in  
14 their homes, including men, women, and chil-  
15 dren;

16 (B) the taking hostages that include Israeli  
17 and United States citizens; and

18 (C) the wanton destruction of property and  
19 civilian infrastructure; and

20 (2) and other international human rights viola-  
21 tions.

22 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

23 It is the policy of the United States—

24 (1) to collect, analyze, and preserve evidence  
25 and information related to war crimes and other  
26 atrocities committed during Hamas’s attack on

1 Israel that began on October 7, 2023, for use in ap-  
2 propriate domestic, foreign, and international courts  
3 and tribunals prosecuting those responsible for such  
4 crimes consistent with applicable law;

5 (2) to help deter the commission of war crimes  
6 and other atrocities in Israel and surrounding areas  
7 by publicizing to the maximum possible extent, ef-  
8 forts to identify and prosecute those responsible for  
9 the commission of war crimes during the full-scale  
10 attack of Israel that began on October 7, 2023; and

11 (3) to continue efforts to identify, deter, and  
12 pursue accountability for war crimes and other  
13 atrocities committed around the world and by other  
14 perpetrators, and to leverage international coopera-  
15 tion and best practices in this regard with respect to  
16 the current situation in Israel.

17 **SEC. 4. REPORT ON UNITED STATES EFFORTS.**

18 Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment  
19 of this Act, and consistent with the protection of intel-  
20 ligence sources and methods, the President shall submit  
21 to the appropriate congressional committees a report,  
22 which may include a classified annex, describing in detail  
23 the following—

24 (1) United States Government efforts to collect,  
25 analyze, and preserve evidence and information re-

1       lated to war crimes and other atrocities committed  
2       during the full-scale attack of Israel by Hamas, in-  
3       cluding a description of—

4               (A) the respective roles of various agencies,  
5       departments, and offices, and the interagency  
6       mechanism established for the coordination of  
7       such efforts;

8               (B) the types of information and evidence  
9       that are being collected, analyzed, and pre-  
10      served to help identify those responsible for the  
11      commission of war crimes or other atrocities;  
12      and

13              (C) steps taken to coordinate with, and  
14      support the work of, allies, partners, inter-  
15      national institutions and organizations, and  
16      nongovernmental organizations in such efforts;

17              (2) media, public diplomacy, and information  
18      operations to the world aware of efforts to identify  
19      and prosecute those responsible for the commission  
20      of war crimes or other atrocities during this conflict,  
21      and of the types of acts that may be prosecutable;  
22      and

23              (3) the process for a domestic, foreign, or inter-  
24      national court or tribunal to request and obtain  
25      from the United States Government information re-

1       lated to war crimes or other atrocities committed  
2       during this attack.

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