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S. 48

To establish a Federal grant program to combat the smuggling and trafficking of children and young women.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 9, 2025

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To establish a Federal grant program to combat the smuggling and trafficking of children and young women.

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 TITLES.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Stopping the Abuse,
5 Victimization, and Exploitation of Girls Act” or the
6 “SAVE Girls Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMBATING THE SMUGGLING AND TRAFFICKING**
 2 **OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG WOMEN.**

3 Section 107 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act
 4 of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7105) is amended by striking sub-
 5 section (d) and inserting the following:

6 “(5) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in
 7 this subsection may be construed as creating any
 8 private cause of action against the United States or
 9 officers or employees of the United States.

10 “(d) **GRANT PROGRAM TO COMBAT THE SMUGGLING**
 11 **AND TRAFFICKING OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG WOMEN.**—

12 “(1) **GRANTS AUTHORIZED.**—In addition to
 13 other grants authorized under this section, the At-
 14 torney General and the Secretary of Health and
 15 Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary
 16 of State, may award grants to States, Indian tribes,
 17 units of local government, and nonprofit, nongovern-
 18 mental victims’ service organizations to combat the
 19 smuggling and trafficking of children and young
 20 women.

21 “(2) **PRIMARY FOCUS.**—The primary focus of
 22 the grant program authorized under paragraph (1)
 23 shall be—

24 “(A) to prevent the smuggling of children
 25 and young women between 12 and 24 years of

1 age across the borders of the United States;
2 and

3 “(B) to provide support for children and
4 young women between 12 and 24 years of age
5 who have already been smuggled into the
6 United States or who have been or are at risk
7 of becoming victims of child sex trafficking or
8 a severe form of trafficking in persons.

9 “(3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
10 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Attor-
11 ney General \$50,000,000, which shall be used for
12 grants authorized under paragraph (1) and shall re-
13 main available until expended.”.

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