

DoD's security assistance authority under 10 U.S.C. 333, State's Foreign Military Financing program, and previous presidential drawdowns. Through these programs, the United States has provided and is providing Ukraine with military equipment such as Stinger air defense missiles, Javelin anti-armor missile systems, armed patrol boats, grenade launchers, counter-artillery and counter mortar radars, military medical equipment, electronic warfare detection systems, tactical gear, and support for ongoing training programs. On 44 previous occasions since September 2021, drawdowns were directed under sections 506(a)(1) and 552(c)(2) of the FAA for a total of \$23.785 billion in assistance for Ukraine (including a total of \$896 million directed in conjunction with section 614 of the FAA during FY 2022 and FY 2023). The principal equipment delivered under these drawdowns for Ukraine included High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS), Stinger air-defense missiles, munitions for the National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile Systems (NASAMS), high-speed anti-radiation missiles (HARMS), Javelin anti-armor missiles, command launch units, M18A1 Claymore anti-personnel munitions (configured to be compliant with the Ottawa Convention), first aid kits, artillery and ammunition, helicopters, unmanned aerial systems, machine guns, tactical gear, night vision devices, personal protective equipment, spare parts, and various calibers of ammunition.

(U) Although U.S. security assistance has improved Ukraine's overall defense posture and capabilities, Ukraine requires urgent support to enable it to continue resisting and repelling Russia's ongoing invasion. The U.S. multi-year security assistance effort is designed to help Ukraine build a sustainable defense capacity over the long term, while defense articles provided through this emergency arms transfers under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act would address its most pressing defense needs in response to Russia's aggression.

(U) In the midst of the ongoing conflict, a critical need has surfaced requiring the immediate transfer of these defense articles in order for Ukraine to maintain its ability to prevent Russian gains. Russia has shown no sign of easing air attacks against Ukrainian targets and Ukrainian stocks of air defense munitions are reaching critical levels. Meanwhile, the United States and its partners are struggling to continue to provide air defense systems at the rate needed by Ukrainian forces, especially if there are any delays in the transfer process. The HAWK system has proven extremely effective against the types of offensive air munitions that Russia is employing and the systems are in constant use—requiring, at this time, immediate and thorough refurbishment, refit, or replacement.

(U) It is in the United States' national security interest to swiftly provide Ukraine with the defense systems it requires to defend itself. In order to effectively do so and ensure it is prepared for any other attacks, it has an immediate need for these defense articles and services for sustainment, refurbishment, overhaul, and integration of the HAWK Phase III Missile System. The urgency of this requirement has been validated by the Department of Defense in consultation with the Department of State. These items and services are readily available in DoD stock and can be quickly transferred to Ukraine. The immediacy of the challenge at hand requires overcoming the statutory 30-day Congressional Notification timeline to immediately expedite transfers to Ukraine.

(U) For the reasons cited above, an emergency exists requiring immediate provision of these defense articles to Ukraine in the

national security interest of the United States. This transfer, through a Foreign Military Sale, will provide Ukraine as soon as possible with defense articles that are necessary to allow it to defend itself in its war with Russia. The Secretary of State, therefore, has certified an emergency exists under sections 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, 22 U.S.C. 2776, thereby waiving the congressional review requirement of that provision.

## TRANSMITTAL NO. 24-53

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Ukraine.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:  
Major Defense Equipment\* \$0.  
Other \$138 million.  
Total \$138 million.

Funding Source: Foreign Military Financing.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase: The Government of Ukraine has requested to buy sustainment-related articles and services for the HAWK Phase III missile system, including:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE): None.

Non-MDE: Engineering and integration for communications and interoperability; refurbishment and system overhaul of HAWK air defense fire units; missile recertification components; tool kits; test equipment; support equipment; technical documentation; spare parts; training; U.S. Government and contractor technical and field office support; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Army (UP-B-UCX).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: NX-B-VGA, NW-B-WTD (USAI Cases).

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: None.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: April 9, 2024.

\*as defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

## POLICY JUSTIFICATION

## Ukraine—HAWK Phase III Missile System Sustainment

The Government of Ukraine has requested to buy sustainment-related articles and services for the HAWK Phase III missile system, including engineering and integration for communications and interoperability; refurbishment and system overhaul of HAWK air defense fire units; missile recertification components; tool kits; test equipment; support equipment; technical documentation; spare parts; training; U.S. Government and contractor technical and field office support; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$138 million.

The Secretary of State has determined and provided detailed justification that an emergency exists that requires the immediate sale to the Government of Ukraine of the above defense articles and services in the national security interests of the United States, thereby waiving the congressional review requirements under Section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a partner country that is a force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

Ukraine has an urgent need to increase its capabilities to defend against Russian mis-

sile strikes and the aerial capabilities of Russian forces. Maintaining and sustaining the HAWK missile system will enhance Ukraine's ability to defend its people and protect critical national infrastructure.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractors will be RTX Corporation, located in Andover, MA, and PROJECTXYZ, located in Huntsville, AL. Equipment will be supplied from a combination of U.S. Army stock, country donations, Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS), and new production. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require temporary duty travel of an estimated 5 U.S. Government and 15 contractor representatives to Europe to support HAWK system training and sustainment.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

## TRIBUTE TO SUSANNAH MORGAN

Mr. WYDEN. Madam President, today I want to recognize and honor Susannah Morgan for her past decade of work serving as president of the Oregon Food Bank. Susannah may be retiring from an amazing career at the Oregon Food Bank, but Oregon will long feel the positive impact of her work.

For over 26 years, Susannah has dedicated herself to ending hunger in many States across the country, and Oregon has had the fortune to benefit from her work for the past decade. Under Susannah's administration at the Oregon Food Bank, the first national policy leadership council was established. The first of its kind, this council worked directly with individuals who experienced food and hunger crises firsthand to inform the Oregon Food Bank's policy agenda and make the connection between food access and other needs, like housing. Many food banks across the Nation are looking to Oregon Food Bank's model and working to include the leadership of people with lived experiences in efforts to end hunger.

In addition to the creation of the policy leadership council, Susannah's work has transformed food systems in the State. Under her leadership, Oregon Food Bank made food assistance sites more welcoming to everyone by expanding best practices like shopping-style food pantries, which allow families greater choices. The Oregon Food Bank established a "Food Finder" tool that is offered in 19 languages and makes it easy for Oregonians to find free food assistance sites near them. All this gives Oregonians most in need access to fresh and culturally-flexible produce, meats, and dairy.

Her decades of experience were also an essential asset during the COVID pandemic. The pandemic created an incredible challenge of feeding thousands of families at a time where everything was shut down. The Oregon Food Bank stepped up to the plate and mobilized over 1,400 food pantries across Oregon

to support families in need. I have personally seen, through my trips in Oregon, how programs and initiatives led by Susannah have impacted families in a positive way. This is the Oregon Way.

In her personal capacity, Susannah, along with her wife Dr. Jocelyn Krebs, have been staunch advocates for strengthening the mental health system for youth. Susannah is vocal about her own family's struggles to get appropriate and responsive care for their children. Time and time again, Susannah offered her time to share her story and reflect on the problems with our system and how we can all do better to give children the best care possible. It was their desire to make a difference for children with complex health needs that led to Dr. Krebs to accept a position at the Armellino Center of Excellence on Williams Syndrome at the University of Pennsylvania.

I know that I speak for Oregonians statewide as I express my gratitude for Susannah's dedication, talent, mentorship, leadership, and persistence in public service and in the betterment of food bank systems throughout Oregon. Thank you, Susannah. My family and I are wishing you and your family all the best in your future endeavors.

#### REMEMBERING RABBI MENACHEM M. SCHNEERSON

Mr. ROUNDS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the attached statement be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

On April 19, 2024, we recognize the life and leadership of Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, a global spiritual leader and Torah sage, known as "the Rebbe" and head of the ChabadLubavitch movement.

The Rebbe was born in 1902 and lived through the darkest periods of history, the evils of Russian communism, and the horrors of Nazi Germany. In 1941, the Rebbe and his wife Rebbetzin Chaya Mushka arrived safely on the shores of the United States, which he called "a country of kindness", and worked tirelessly to rebuild and guide world Jewry after the holocaust.

During WWII, the Rebbe used his engineering skills at the Brooklyn Navy Yard to supervise wiring for the USS Missouri (BB-63) and launched a program for rabbinical students to travel across the country to visit Jewish farmers, US servicemen and others isolated from their families or larger communities. This included locations like the 335th Army Air Force Base Unit in Sioux Falls, Rapid City Army Air Base near Rapid City (later became Ellsworth Air Force Base) as well as cities and towns across South Dakota. This program exists today, and these rabbinical students sent by the Rebbe are at times the only connection local Jews have with their faith.

Under the Rebbe's leadership, Chabad-Lubavitch became the largest Jewish educational organization in the world. Today there are more than 3,500 Chabad-Lubavitch centers providing educational, religious and humanitarian services in 103 countries and in all 50 States. It is thanks to the Rebbe's vision that my home state has its first rabbi in

almost forty years, with the establishment of the Chabad Jewish Center of South Dakota.

For more than four decades, every U.S. president has proclaimed "Education and Sharing Day" in honor of the Rebbe's birthday and in recognition of the Rebbe's commitment to bettering the education of all people. He emphasized that education should not only impart knowledge and skills needed for a career, but that it must instill the moral and ethical values essential for living a meaningful life of character to contribute to the betterment of individuals and society at large.

The Rebbe's birthday is an appropriate time to honor him by applying his teachings with diligence and increasing our acts of charity, goodness and kindness for all humanity.

#### TRIBUTE TO RYAN PASBORG

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I rise today in honor of Ryan Pasborg, Rock Springs, WY. Ryan will be recognized by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission on April 27, 2024.

The Carnegie Hero Fund Commission was established April 15, 1904 by Andrew Carnegie. The Carnegie Medal Award is the highest civilian honor in North America. It is awarded to "those who risk death or serious physical injury to an extraordinary degree while saving or attempting to save the lives of others."

No one is more deserving of the Carnegie Medal than Ryan Pasborg. He truly embodies the Code of the West, living each day with courage. His courage made all the difference for the family he saved. Early on February 2, 2022, while headed to work, Ryan spotted a house engulfed in flames in James Town, a community near Green River, WY. When he saw no first responders, he drove up to the home where three children stood outside in the freezing morning air. Ryan learned their 4-year-old brother and mother were still inside. Without hesitation, he went in after them, saving both the young boy and mother from the smoke and flames. He put the children in his truck to keep them warm while he performed life-saving CPR on their mother. He then drove the family away from the fire to first responders. That was not the end of Ryan's kindness. Following the devastating fire, he spent hundreds of dollars purchasing clothing and other necessities he personally delivered to the family.

Ryan did for the Wadsworth family what he would have done for his own. He is a pillar of strength in his community and inspires compassion in those around him. Ryan's resolute commitment to saving the Wadsworth family highlights not only his courage and character but also his commitment to his community, all traits of the Code of the West. He is a perfect icon for the Code and deserves the Carnegie Medal Award. On that morning, Ryan was a stanger passing by but chose not to be a bystander. His selfless actions made all the difference to the Wadsworth family. Ryan continues to be an out-

standing member of his community, a devoted husband to his wife Lexi, and a loving father to his son Braxtyn and daughter RenLynn.

It is with great honor that I recognize the exemplary action of Ryan Pasborg. With selflessness and bravery, Ryan embodies the values of the Cowboy State. My sincerest thanks go to Ryan Pasborg for the brave actions that earned him the Carnegie Medal Award.

#### TRIBUTE TO JASMINE BROTHERS

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Jasmine for her hard work as an intern in the Senate Republican Conference. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Jasmine is a native of Virginia. She is currently a senior at the Madeira School in McLean, VA. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Jasmine for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her journey.

#### TRIBUTE TO EVE HAWKINS

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Eve for her hard work as an intern in the Senate Republican Conference. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Eve is a native of Virginia. She is currently a junior at the Madeira School in McLean, VA. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Eve for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with all of her future endeavors. I wish her all my best on her journey.

#### TRIBUTE TO KUSHI NETTYAM

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Kushi for her hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Kushi is a native of Virginia. She is currently a junior at the Madeira School in McLean, VA. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which