

I am a journalist working on a story that relates in part to the Magnitsky Act that Rep McGovern sponsored/supported. Can I talk with you about this?

I am especially interested in getting the evidence on which the Magnitsky Act was based.

Thank you

Lucy Komisar

On 4/4/2017 12:25 PM, White, Abraham wrote:

Hi Lucy – Connecting you with Kim Stanton on our team who can help with background on this. Will let you two take it from here.

Thanks,

Abraham

From: Lucy Komisar

Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 1:13 PM

To: Stanton, Kimberly Kimberly.Stanton@mail.house.gov

Subject: Re: Magnitsky law

Hi Kim

In addition to what I said to Abraham:

I am especially interested in getting the evidence on which the Magnitsky Act was based.

I would also like to get the reports since the Act's implementation. None have been issued yet.

According to the law the President has to collect the relevant evidence on individuals sanctioned and make an annual report to Congress.

Sec. 4) The President shall report to Congress annually regarding each foreign person sanctioned, the type of sanctions imposed, and the reason for their imposition.

This is the Senate bill, not the final Act.

I assume the House bill said the same. To whom/to what committee would the reports have been sent? See Section 1263 (a). Who/what office of the President would have sent them? The State Department will submit the report.

As a main sponsor, did you get them? If you have copies, can you send them to me? There aren't any reports yet.

Lucy Komisar

On 4/7/2017 5:08 PM, Stanton, Kimberly wrote:

Hi, Lucy – my initial responses/questions are below.

Regards,

Kim

She wrote to me:

"I assume you mean the Global Magnitsky Act, which is found in Sections 1265–1270 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, Public Law 114–328. The Act authorizes the imposition of certain kinds of sanctions on individuals who meet certain conditions. The Act itself does not directly impose any sanctions, so it does not depend on evidence."

Regarding the Magnitsky Act, the Treasury, which officially designates the people for the list, declines to provide any reasons or evidence.

Kim Stanton, replying to my query said, *"The evidence that the Treasury Department has relied upon in its decisions to sanction individuals in keeping with P.L. 112-208 is not public."*

Note Stanton misled me when she said the Magnitsky Act does not require a report. Sec 407 requires annual reports.