

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 3250

AN ACT

To provide remote access to court proceedings for victims of the 1988 Bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

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. REMOTE ACCESS TO COURT PROCEEDINGS**
2 **FOR VICTIMS OF THE 1988 BOMBING OF PAN**
3 **AM FLIGHT 103 OVER LOCKERBIE, SCOTLAND.**

4 (a) DEFINITION OF VICTIM OF CRIMES ASSOCIATED
5 WITH THE BOMBING OF PAN AM FLIGHT 103.—In this
6 section:

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
8 the term “victim of crimes associated with the bomb-
9 ing of Pan Am Flight 103” means any individual—

10 (A) who suffered direct or proximate harm
11 as a result of the bombing of Pan Am Flight
12 103 that occurred over Lockerbie, Scotland, on
13 December 21, 1988, and was present at or near
14 the scene of the bombing when it occurred, or
15 immediately thereafter; or

16 (B) who is the spouse, legal guardian, par-
17 ent, child, brother, sister, next of kin, or other
18 relative of, or who is determined by the applica-
19 ble district court of the United States to be an
20 individual who possesses a relationship of simi-
21 lar significance to, an individual described in
22 subparagraph (A) or an individual otherwise de-
23 scribed in this subsection.

24 (2) LIMITATION.—The term “victim of crimes
25 associated with the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103”
26 does not include an individual who participated or

1 conspired in the crimes associated with the bombing
2 of Pan Am Flight 103.

3 (b) AUTHORIZATION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—On and after the date of en-
5 actment of this Act, and notwithstanding any provi-
6 sion of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure or
7 other law or rule to the contrary, in order to permit
8 victims of crimes associated with the bombing of
9 Pan Am Flight 103 to access court proceedings in
10 the criminal case against Abu Agila Mohammed
11 Mas'ud Kheir Al-Marimi and against any co-con-
12 spirator subsequently charged and prosecuted in a
13 court of the United States for crimes related to the
14 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103, the district
15 court of the United States in such a case shall order
16 that reasonable efforts be made to make remote
17 video and telephonic access to proceedings in the
18 case available to victims of crimes associated with
19 the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103.

20 (2) NO LIMIT ON LOCATION.—Remote video
21 and telephonic access to proceedings shall be made
22 available under paragraph (1) to a victim of crimes
23 associated with the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103
24 without regard to the location of the victim of crimes
25 associated with the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103.

1 (c) DISTRICT COURT DISCRETION.—Nothing in this
2 section shall be construed to eliminate or limit the discre-
3 tion of a district court of the United States to control the
4 manner, circumstances, or availability of remote video or
5 telephonic transmissions where necessary to control the
6 courtroom or protect the integrity of court proceedings or
7 the safety of parties, witnesses, or other participants in
8 the proceedings.

Passed the Senate December 6, 2023.

Attest:

Secretary.

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