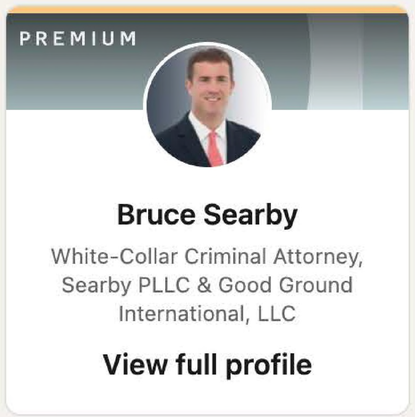
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Huge congratulations to the Ukrainian grass-roots environmental activists of the Free Svydovets Group (FSG) for their landmark victory earlier this month in the Supreme Court of Ukraine. After seven years of FSG's litigation against the Svydovets mega ski resort project, the Supreme Court ruled to cancel the administrative decisions that had approved the proposed 1,430-ha resort, which would have significantly impacted the pristine landscapes, biodiversity, and local communities in Transcarpathia. The FSG activists endured repeated acts of retaliation and intimidation for years to achieve this precedent-setting ruling that upholds the public's rights to participation and freedom of information before decisions on major land-use projects. However, the fight is not over, because two more adjacent projects for mega ski resorts at Turbat and Bystrytsia are moving forward, presenting similar issues. The FSG activists envision the economic development of the region through (among other means) sustainable tourism and recreation -- not through oligarch-linked mega projects that hide from view their unacceptable dangers to the environment and to the traditional mountain livelihoods in their path. Investors and lenders should beware of the mega projects, and be on the right side of history, when funding Transcarpathia's promising future. To read more, please see the press release by my client, and FSG's long-time supporters, at Bruno Manser Fonds (Switzerland), https://lnkd.in/eu_-EVHk

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