



Ukrainian Congress Committee of America



E-NEWS

Dear Friends,

As a follow-up to the 2018 midterm elections, the Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS), the Washington, D.C., bureau of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), is requesting that Ukrainian-American community representatives meet with their re-elected or newly-elected Members of Congress.

In analyzing the results of the midterm elections for the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, the members of both the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus and the Senate Ukraine Causes, respectively, made a strong showing. An overwhelming 75% of all Caucus members were re-elected to their respective chambers. Some Caucus members chose not to seek re-election, or chose retirement, while others were re-districted, or defeated in earlier primary elections. Of special note to our members, 3 co-chairs of the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus who ran for re-election did so successfully. The 4th co-chair, Rep. Sander Levin (D-MI), the co-founder of the Caucus in 1997, did not seek re-election. We are grateful for his years of service to this nation and for his stalwart support of Ukrainian-American issues, especially his sponsorship of the necessary legislation that allowed for the construction of the National Holodomor Genocide Memorial in Washington, D.C., dedicated to the victims of the Ukrainian Famine-Genocide – the Holodomor of 1932-33.

The Congressional Ukrainian Caucus has appointed a new co-chair: Rep. Mike Quigley (D-IL). Rep. Quigley has been a staunch advocate of our community issues and has traveled to Ukraine. For his support, Rep. Quigley received the Friend of UNIS award in September 2014.

Attached please find an Action Item flyer and issues to advocate with your elected officials. Also attached is a UNIS Action Item with a sample letter to request your elected official's membership in the respective caucuses. Interaction with your elected officials is crucial to their support for our issues.

For any additional information or comments, please feel free to contact UNIS:

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GET TO KNOW YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Inform your Member of Congress about Ukraine

REACH OUT

VISIT	Your Congress Member's website
CALL	Your Congress Member's District Office
E-MAIL	Your Congress Member and staff
SET UP	A meeting with your Congress Member's staff
ATTEND	Any town halls your Congress Member schedules



ADVOCATE FOR

SUPPORTING	Foreign/Military Assistance to Ukraine
EXPANDING	Russia Sanctions Regime
DEFENDING	Ukrainian Political Prisoners in Russia
INCREASING	NATO-Ukraine Interaction
JOINING	Congressional Ukrainian or Senate Ukraine Caucuses



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UNIS ACTION ITEM

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• *Advocate Membership in the Ukrainian Caucuses on Capitol Hill*

The Congressional Ukrainian Caucus (CUC) and the Senate Ukraine Caucus (SUC) have been important tools in our community's work with the United States Congress. In our cooperative efforts with these bipartisan groups of Members of Congress and Senators, the community is able to promote Ukraine-related issues of concern and advocate legislation that advances U.S.-Ukraine bilateral relations. In past years, with the Caucuses' assistance, the Ukrainian community has achieved numerous accomplishments, in particular passage of a bill to construct a memorial to the victims of Ukrainian Famine-Genocide (Holodomor), advocating for the Ukraine Freedom Support Act following the Revolution of Dignity, and support for the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA), which sanctioned the Russian Federation for its invasion of Ukraine.

As the new 116th session of Congress begins, the Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS) urges the Ukrainian American community to contact your elected officials in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives and encourage them to join their respective caucuses.

For your convenience, below please find a sample letter to your elected official. You may send your request electronically by using the following websites: <https://www.house.gov/representatives> and <https://www.senate.gov/senators/contact>. Should you require additional information, please contact the UNIS office at (202) 547-0018 or via e-mail at unis.sawkiw@gmail.com.

SAMPLE LETTER

The Honorable (*Name*)
U.S. House of Representatives/ U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20515/20510

Dear Representative/Senator (*Name*):

As a Ukrainian American, I am very much interested in developing a strong and stable strategic partnership between Ukraine and the United States. One of the vehicles to assist in this process is the bipartisan Congressional Ukrainian Caucus (CUC)/Senate Ukraine Caucus (SUC). This group concentrates on expanding the U.S.-Ukraine bilateral relationship and encourages its development through advocating legislation, maintaining a stable level of financing for Ukraine-related programs, and communicating with Ukrainian officials on a wide-range of issues.

Considering the admirable progress Ukraine is making toward democratization while fending off all aspects of Russian aggression and intimidation, it is necessary that the United States enhance its support of Ukraine's sovereignty and independence. I urge you to join the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus/Senate Ukraine Caucus and contribute to U.S. efforts to integrate Ukraine into the Euro-Atlantic community and secure its freedom.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.