The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), the largest representative organization of Americans of Ukrainian descent, is deeply troubled by the ruling of the Regional Administrative Court in Kyiv earlier today, which bans Dr. Ulana Suprun from carrying out her duties as Acting Minister of Health of Ukraine.

Since Dr. Suprun’s appointment as Acting Minister, the Ministry of Health has initiated a series of reforms that have led to qualitative changes in Ukraine’s health care system. Under her leadership, the Ministry was the first in Ukraine’s history to offer a comprehensive vision of reform based on understanding and clearly defining problems that plague the health care system.

As recently as December 12, these reforms were cited in a European Parliament resolution commending Ukraine’s reform efforts.
Since the government's approval of Dr. Suprun's health care reform package in late 2016, which reinforced the country's overall reform agenda, the Ministry of Health has implemented a host of reforms that not only improve the quality of medical services, but also address the entrenched problem of corruption in the medical field. Some initiatives that launched by Ukraine’s Ministry of Health under the leadership of Dr. Suprun include:

- Program of accessible medicines;
- Overcoming corruption schemes by implementing transparency in the procurement of medicines;
- Reforming the primary link, raising the level of salaries of doctors;
- Introducing new requirements for the quality of medical personnel training; and,
- Deploying a cardiology center network.

“At the heart of Dr. Suprun’s work is providing the citizens of Ukraine with quality medical services and medicine. Doing so in a transparent manner in an effort to tackle corrupt practices, ought to be at the heart of Ukraine’s reform efforts,” commented UCCA's President, Andriy Futey.

UCCA recognizes the significant accomplishments of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, and encourages Ukraine to continue down the path of reform, as exemplified by the work of the Acting Minister of Health, Dr. Ulana Suprun.

**WHAT IS UCCA?**
The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) is a non-profit, non-partisan community-based organization that has represented the interests of Ukrainians in the United States since 1940.