The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), the largest representation of Americans of Ukrainian descent, condemns the violence and self-evident political repressions against the people of Belarus.
Ukrainian Americans stand in solidarity with the people of Belarus and their demands for the immediate release of those wrongfully imprisoned during the peaceful protests for free, fair and democratic elections that reflect the will of the people.

As an organization that has monitored numerous Ukrainian elections, it is important to ensure that international observers from the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (OSCE PA), the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), the NATO Parliamentary Assembly (NATO PA) and the European Parliament (EP), as well as those from US and Canadian NGOs are allowed access to election precincts throughout Belarus, without which the votes cast by the Belarusian people cannot be considered free, honest and democratic.

We thank Senator Rob Portman for entering UCCA’s written testimony into the record on behalf of the Ukrainian American community.
The U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations conducted a hearing on August 5, 2020 to consider President Donald J. Trump’s nomination of retired Lt. General Keith W. Dayton as ambassador to Ukraine. The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), which unites and advocates in the name of nearly 30 fraternal, educational, religious, cultural, veterans and humanitarian organizations in the Ukrainian American community, submitted testimony in support of this nomination for the 10th confirmed US Ambassador to Ukraine. UCCA's testimony stated in part:

Nearly 29 years of Ukrainian independence have brought nine U.S. ambassadors as envoys of American diplomacy. These envoys have secured a lasting partnership between our two countries, and we believe that President Trump’s recent nomination of Lt. Gen. Keith Dayton, a career military officer, will only enhance our cooperation/partnership with Ukraine. At this time, when more opportunities exist for the advancement of U.S. strategic interests in Central Europe, Lt. Gen. Dayton will be a great asset, given his experience working in the region and current capacity as director of the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies. The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America lauds the experience and commitment Lt. Gen. Dayton has shown in his years of service. Thereby, the UCCA supports the nomination of Lt. Gen. Keith Dayton as the next U.S. ambassador to Ukraine.

Read UCCA’s Full Testimony
**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.

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