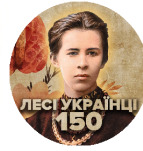


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On March 16, U.S. Senator Rob Portman (R-OH), co-founder and co-chair of the Senate Ukraine Caucus, [participated in a wide-ranging telephone conversation](#) with Dmytro Razumkov, Chairman of Ukraine's Parliament (Verkhovna Rada). The call was facilitated by Andriy Futey, President of the

Ukrainian descent, as well as a constituent of Sen. Portman. In 2019, Mr. Futey [accompanied Sen. Portman's official visit to Ukraine](#), where he participated in the Senator's first meeting with the newly-elected President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

During the meeting with Chairman Razumkov, the parties discussed U.S.-Ukrainian cooperation in the energy sector, and in particular, [countering the construction of the NordStream 2 gas pipeline](#). The Parliamentary chair [expressed his gratitude](#) for the Senator's significant personal contribution to the formation of a strong foundation for the US-Ukraine strategic partnership, and for the U.S. maintaining a consistent sanctions policy in response to Russia's ongoing military occupation of Ukrainian territory in the Donbas and Crimea. Senator Portman in turn assured the Chairman that the United States would support the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Ukraine, and expressed his personal support for countering the construction and launch of the NordStream 2 gas pipeline.

The parties concluded their teleconference expressing hope that the halt in face-to-face meetings in response to the coronavirus pandemic would be overcome soon, and that cooperation between Ukraine and the United States would be intensified, in particular, between interparliamentary groups and foreign affairs committees.

The following day, Senator Portman joined with his colleagues Senators Bob Menendez (D-NJ), Jim Risch (R-ID), Chris Murphy (D-CT), John Barrasso (R-WY), and Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) [in introducing the Ukraine Security Partnership Act](#) to provide security assistance and strategic support to Ukraine. This bipartisan legislation once again demonstrates the United States' commitment to stand by Ukraine and stand up to Putin.

Key provisions of the [Ukraine Security Partnership Act](#) include:

- Requires a report on U.S. diplomatic support for Ukraine over the next five years;
- Encourages the U.S. Department of State to establish a working group on Ukraine with relevant European allies;
- Encourages the White House to appoint a special envoy for Ukraine to serve as the U.S. liaison for the Normandy Format peace negotiations and to facilitate dialogue between Black Sea countries;

Ukraine with lethal military assistance;

- Expedites the transfer of excess defense articles to Ukraine, and calls for a strategy to encourage partner nations to do the same;
- Authorizes \$4 million per year to train Ukrainian military officers through the International Military Education and Training.



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On Wednesday-Thursday, March 3-4, 2021, the twelfth [US-Ukraine Security Dialogue](#) was held via zoom to discuss "**The New Administration's Approach to Ukraine's Most Pressing Security Issues.**" Over the two-day event, three members of Congress addressed the participants – Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD); Congressman Andy Levin (D-MI) and Congressman Andy Harris (R-MD) – and they all underscored that there is strong bipartisan support for Ukraine in Congress, and that Ukraine's security still matters to the United States.

The forum's four host organizations – the [Center for US-Ukrainian Relations](#),

sincerely thank all of the speakers for their insightful remarks as well as the generosity of the event's sponsoring organizations for their continued support – the [Buduchnist Foundation](#), the Jurkiw Family Fund, the [Heritage Foundation of First Security Federal Savings Bank](#), and [Self Reliance \(NY\) FCU](#).

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