The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), the largest representation of Americans of Ukrainian descent, is once again dismayed by the collective decision of the G7 Nations, the group of the world’s largest advanced economies, and the NATO military alliance of 30 European and North American countries, not to invite Ukraine to their respective European summits. As the Transatlantic community of leaders returns to meet in person, there is no single nation more deserving of an invitation to an “Outreach Session” at the G7 Summit than that which continues to hold back Putin’s armies from rolling across the rest of Europe. Traditionally, the G7 and NATO invite additional world leaders and representatives from international organizations as guests to their summits to have frank and practical discussions about pressing challenges. Back in February, the G7 Ambassadors’ Support Group for Ukraine publicly issued a list of priorities for 2021. If world leaders choose to have frank discussions about the 100,000 Russian troops mobilized to invade a neighboring European country, or perhaps debate the financial practicalities of tying up 80% of your nation’s natural gas supply in one pipeline project, it would make sense for them to invite the one nation so tied to the future of Europe - Ukraine.
prepares to meet with the Russian President, “the Ukrainian American community will look to our Commander-in-Chief to not only live up to the United States’ public and binding security guarantees to Ukraine, but clearly state that the people of Ukraine will make up their own minds with regards to national policy.” However, unlike the three previous U.S. Presidents, this will not be the first meeting with Putin for President Biden. Instead of simply reminding our President that “Vladimir Putin is not an ally of the United States,” in advance of the Geneva Summit, the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America wishes to see President Biden go beyond the already stated position of the United States to “assist the government of Ukraine in restoring its sovereignty and territorial integrity in order to deter the government of the Russian Federation from further destabilizing and invading Ukraine and other independent countries.” Now is the time for the United States to live up to its stated promise in 2008 of NATO Membership for Ukraine as well as for both nations to reaffirm their shared commitment towards a more peaceful and prosperous future with the signing of a new, 21st century, U.S.-Ukraine Charter on Strategic Partnership.

Representatives Marcy Kaptur (D-OH), Andy Harris (R-MD), Mike Quigley (D-IL), and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Co-Chairs of the Congressional Ukraine Caucus, sent a bipartisan letter to President Biden ahead of the.

Congress of the United States
Washington, D.C. 20515
June 4, 2021

President Joseph R. Biden Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

As co-chairs of the Congressional Ukraine Caucus, we would like to express our concern regarding the planned meetings between the Ukrainian and U.S. leaderships and the changes taking place in the relationship of Ukraine to the United States. We are deeply concerned that the upcoming meetings with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Geneva, Switzerland, on June 16, 2021, and the preparation for the upcoming U.S.-Russia summit scheduled for April 16, 2022, could have implications for the security and sovereignty of Ukraine.

We understand that discussions with Putin may be a result of the deteriorating relationship between the United States and Russia, and we are concerned that the meetings could negatively impact the ongoing negotiations for a new, 21st century U.S.-Ukraine Charter on Strategic Partnership.

We urge you to take a strong stance against Russian aggression and to support Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity. We also encourage you to emphasize the importance of the friendship between Ukraine and the United States and the need for closer cooperation in the fight against terrorism and other international crimes.

Sincerely,

Marcy Kaptur
Member of Congress

Mike Quigley
Member of Congress

Andy Harris
Member of Congress

Brian Fitzpatrick
Member of Congress

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To the stage properly for your meeting with Putin, we urge you to stress the importance of the U.S. commitment to Ukraine's security and sovereignty. We also encourage you to emphasize the need for a new, 21st century U.S.-Ukraine Charter on Strategic Partnership.

Sincerely,

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To further clarify, we urge you to stress the importance of the U.S. commitment to Ukraine's security and sovereignty. We also encourage you to emphasize the need for a new, 21st century U.S.-Ukraine Charter on Strategic Partnership.

Sincerely,

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To reiterate, we urge you to stress the importance of the U.S. commitment to Ukraine's security and sovereignty. We also encourage you to emphasize the need for a new, 21st century U.S.-Ukraine Charter on Strategic Partnership.

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A day before the start of the European Championships, UEFA has told Ukraine it must remove the phrase "Glory to the heroes!" from Ukraine’s new national team jersey because of its political connotations.

European soccer’s governing body initially approved the design but backtracked on Thursday following complaints from the Russian Football Union. UEFA announced suddenly on June 10 that the combination of two phrases, "Glory to Ukraine" and "Glory to the heroes" was "clearly political in nature."

The following UEFA social media accounts allow for public comments:

https://www.facebook.com/uefa

https://instagram.com/uefacom/

https://twitter.com/@UEFAcom
Chargé d’Affaires Kristina A. Kvien and the staff of the US Embassy seem to be fans of the new jerseys…

US-UA WORKING GROUP
YEARLY SUMMIT

Providing Ukraine with an Annual Report Card

On Wednesday-Thursday, June 16-17, the Center for US-Ukrainian Relations, the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, the Ukrainian National Information Service, and the American Foreign Policy Council, in partnership with the International Republican Institute, the National Democratic Institute, and the Open World Program, will convene the ninth US-UA Working Group Summit: Providing Ukraine with an Annual Report Card.

This online conference, to be held in (2) four-hour segments spanning (2) consecutive days, will bring together key government and non-government representatives from Ukraine, Canada, the EU and the US to take measure of Ukraine’s 2020-2021 progress/regress in six categories:
robust democratic politics, mature market economics, ever greater energy security, ever greater general security, viable social cohesion and an established national identity."

At the conclusion, a final grade will be assessed based on the contributions of over two dozen speakers (program linked to below). As with last year’s virtual summit, the organizers will also poll the registered attendees for their own grades, and compare them with those of the expert speakers.

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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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Український Конгресовий Комітет Америки (УККА) є неприбутковою, безпартійною громадською організацією, яка представляє інтереси українців у Сполучених Штатах Америки з 1940 року.