The Chair of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and his counterparts from Czechia, Estonia, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom, issued a joint statement in opposition to the completion of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline.

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), the representative organization of the nearly 2 million Americans of Ukrainian descent, is extremely pleased and thankful to U.S. Senator Bob Menendez (D-N.J.), Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, for his continued leadership in opposing the Nord Stream 2 pipeline project.

Following the announcement on July 21 by President Joe Biden and German Chancellor Angela Merkel that they had come to an agreement regarding the future transit of Central Asian natural gas to Germany, UCCA responded by initiating discussions with numerous Members of Congress, diplomats and media outlets as well as with the Polish American Congress and the broader Central and East European Coalition. Last week, UCCA scheduled a teleconference with staffers of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. During the virtual meeting, UCCA leadership and several New Jersey community activists were able to thank Chairman Menendez for his longstanding objection to the prospect of a completed Nord Stream 2 pipeline, as well as press for further action to counteract any potential deal announced by Germany which rightly faces bipartisan opposition in Congress.

UCCA and Ukraine’s allies are united in the belief that the Nord Stream 2 project needs to be stopped. The United States should fully implement congressionally mandated sanctions against the Nord Stream 2 pipeline project, and further sanction any of the subcontractors that work on the Nord Stream 2 pipeline.
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We, the Chairs of Foreign Affairs Committees of our respective national parliaments, cannot allow the Nord Stream 2 pipeline project and its arrogant state the recent decisions of the United States and Germany on Nord Stream 2, which clearly violate the principles of our countries.

We consider Nord Stream 2 a geopolitical project aimed at expanding Russia’s influence in Europe by diverting the energy market, the completion of the project will strengthen the impact of Russian gas in the European energy mix, endanger the national security of all member states and the United States, and threaten the already precarious security and sovereignty of Ukraine.

Moreover, the completion of NS2 will give Russia yet another tool to pressure and blackmail Ukraine. It continues to foster Russia’s brutal aggression and military occupation of its territories because of its pro-European choice. As a result, over 10,000 Ukrainians have died, and every week, more Ukrainian soldiers give their lives. The European Union, NATO, and other countries acting in concert must work together to increase sanctions pressure on the Kremlin to counter aggression in Ukraine.

The likely repercussions of the completion and operation of Nord Stream 2 is to undermine the development of a single, liberalized, and open European market by consolidating sources of supply in the Nord Stream 2 system and undermining the stability of the gas and electricity markets in Europe. The countries of Central and Eastern Europe must reduce dependency on gas imported from Russia and move towards green energy. We propose that Germany should be responsible for designing a plan with the utmost dedication. We need to make a collective commitment to increase support to the security and defense capabilities of Ukraine in order to prevent a deepening of the current security crisis, exacerbated by the threats created by Nord Stream 2.

In the changing security environment in the region, we call for commitments from NATO to strengthen its role, especially on the Eastern Front from the Baltic Sea to the Black Sea. We also need to commit to delivering a roadmap for Ukraine’s bid to join the NATO alliance. A declaration makes the necessary reforms and meets NATO membership standards. To consolidate the transformation efforts of the Ukrainian government as well as democracy and

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whitehouse.gov/contact/ 
Sample Text: Dear President Biden,
It’s not too late to stop the ‘bad deal’ Nordstream2 project. Do not endanger Putin’s Ukraine’s security, and the security of all of Europe is at stake.

E-Mail Congress! 
house.gov
Sample Text: Dear [Name],
Please support measures to enhance sanctions against the completion of Russia’s Nordstream2 political project. The security of a Europe whole, free, and at peace is at stake.

"NordStream2 must be stopped. And it starts here--with you and everyone who cares about security in Europe."

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We hope we can count on your support to raise $30,000 in time for Ukraine’s 30th Anniversary of renewed Independence on August 24th – so that we may continue our vital work as highlighted above – representing and serving the needs of the Ukrainian American community and assisting our homeland, Ukraine.

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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