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Український Конгресовий Комітет Америки

UKRAINIAN CONGRESS COMMITTEE OF AMERICA



[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](#).



Chairpersons of the Foreign Affairs Committees

Statement on Nord Stream 2

We, the Chairs of Foreign Affairs Committees of our respective national parliaments, continue to oppose the Nord Stream 2 pipeline project and with regret note the recent decision of the United States and Germany on Nord Stream 2, which entails resuming completion of the pipeline.

We consider Nord Stream 2 a geopolitical project geared towards expanding Russia's influence on Europe by dominating the energy market. The completion of the pipeline will strengthen the impact of Russian gas in the European energy mix, endanger the national security of EU 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 face Russia's brutal aggression and military occupation of its territories because of its pro-European choice. As a result, over 14,000 Ukrainians have died, and every week, more Ukrainian soldiers give their lives to protect their homeland and entire Europe. The EU and United States must work together to increase sanctions pressure on the Kremlin to counter aggression in Ukraine.

The likely repercussion 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 deterring investment in alternatives. We expect a clear commitment from Germany to reduce dependency on gas imported from Russia and move towards green energy. We presume that Germany will handle its responsibility towards these goals with the utmost dedication. We need to make a collective commitment to increase support to the security and defence 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 deterrence, especially on the Eastern Flank from the Baltic Sea to the Black Sea. We also need to commit to delivering a road map for Ukraine's path towards joining the NATO alliance, if Ukraine makes the necessary reforms and meets NATO membership standards. To consolidate the transformation efforts of the Ukrainian government as well as democracy and

to be agreed upon for Ukraine.

We insist that any further agreements on Nord Stream 2 necessitate consultations across the transatlantic family. Moreover, such diplomacy should happen with the fundamental principle in mind - countering malign Russian aggression is in all of NATO's, all EU members, and our partners in Central and Eastern Europe vital national security interests.

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Sample Text:
Dear President Biden:
It's not too late to stop the "bad deal" NordStream2 political project. Do not embolden Putin. Ukraine's security, and the security of all of Europe, is at stake.

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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.

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

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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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