What Strategic Partners Do

The relationship which exists between the United States and Ukraine, as reinforced by the renewed Charter on Strategic Partnership in November 2021, accentuates the principles and values which bind democratic states. The overall objective of strategic partners is the pursuit of peaceful coexistence within the norms of international order. Current aggressive actions on Ukraine’s border by the Russian Federation exemplifies Putin’s lawless disregard of the territorial integrity, sovereignty, and independence of a neighboring country, while subjugating the world on the precipice of war.

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), the representative organization of nearly 2 million Americans of Ukrainian descent, remains extremely alarmed with the escalation of Russian troops and military hardware on Ukraine’s border. Such Kremlin exploits precipitated a video call to Vladimir Putin by President Biden, to voice the deep concerns of the United States and our European Allies about the consequences of Russian military action in Ukraine. While results from the video call are inconclusive, remarks such as “… things we did not do in 2014, we are prepared to do today,” point to potential responses from the United States in the event of further invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation.
The Ukrainian American community since 2014 has consistently and rightfully called upon U.S. officials to enact severe ramifications for the Kremlin’s invading forces, hybrid warfare and illegal occupation of Crimea and Eastern Ukraine. Measures including: sanctions of Russian financial, energy, defense, and manufacturing sectors; the removal of Russia from the SWIFT international financial system; stopping the Nord Stream 2 political pipeline; providing military assistance to Ukraine to defend against Russian forces; as well as, embracing the 2008 NATO Bucharest Summit that ensured that Ukraine will become a member of the security alliance — are all clear objectives that can and would stifle Russia’s malign behavior towards Ukraine.

Since the dissolution of the Soviet Union officially 30 years ago today, Russia has touted Ukraine as being existential to its statehood. Its falsification of Ukraine as a failed state is indicative of an authoritarian regime designed to keep that country in its orbit and thus stymie the further expansion of NATO to Russia’s borders. UCCA is grateful to the U.S. Congress that has heard the appeals of the Ukrainian American community and enacted bold and decisive legislative initiatives on an overwhelming bipartisan basis. Such commitments to Ukraine from the United States must manifest itself fully in continued support for the territorial integrity, sovereignty, and independence of Ukraine. UCCA will continue to lead and advance this effort until Ukraine is once again whole and free. Peace in the world is dependent upon resolute measures to stop Russia’s aggressive behavior!

80th Anniversary of Day That Will "Live in Infamy"
Following every December 6 - День Збройних сил України - when Ukraine thanks and recognizes the efforts of Ukraine’s armed forces, we pause on the day that will "live in infamy."

Ukrainian Americans such as Private First Class Russell Kawa, First Lieutenant Joseph Orlan and Chief Peter Tomich are among those remembered for their heroism when Pearl Harbor was attacked on December 7, 1941. For as long as that day lives in infamy, so must the bravery of these soldiers, sailors and airmen also live in our memory.

Our continued thanks all those who have served in America’s Armed Forces, and to the Ukrainian American Veterans and their Registration Project which registers and honors American servicemen and servicewomen of Ukrainian heritage who have served honorably or are currently on active duty in the US Armed Forces.
Героям слава!
Call to Action - SUPPORT UKRAINE!

Ukraine is currently facing numerous challenges to its security and sovereignty. We are all too familiar with Russian troops amassing on Ukraine’s borders, the continued threat to European energy security should the NordStream2 pipeline become fully operational, and Russia’s unmitigated hybrid aggression upon Ukraine.

Through the Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS), UCCA’s Washington, D.C.-based bureau, UCCA has been constantly monitoring the situation in Washington and reaching out to Administration officials and congressional leaders to enhance their support for Ukraine at this critical juncture. Our elected officials in Congress must hear from their constituents to reinforce our advocacy of the U.S.-Ukraine strategic partnership and to augment necessary assistance for Ukraine.

Above, please find an infographic about the key points of interest regarding Ukraine. UNIS urges you to contact your elected officials and request their
Sample text

Dear Senator/Representative (name):

As a Ukrainian American constituent in (state/district), I respectfully request your support for continued support for Ukraine. Recently, Ukraine and the United States have enhanced their relationship with the signing of a renewed U.S.-Ukraine Charter on Strategic Partnership. Its preamble states emphatically the United States’ "unwavering commitment to Ukraine’s sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders, including Crimea."

Ukraine is facing imminent peril at the hands of Russia’s continued aggression. Please support efforts to enact immediate sanctions against the NordStream2 political pipeline, provide Ukraine increased levels of military assistance, as well as to integrate Ukraine further into Euro-Atlantic structures by providing membership in NATO. Your support of Ukraine and its strategic importance to the national security interests of the United States would be greatly appreciated.
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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