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ruSSia: State Sponsor of Terror

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), which has represented the interests of the nearly 2 million Americans of Ukrainian descent for over 80 years, stands with the [rest of the free world](#) in strongly [condemning all war crimes](#) committed by Russian forces against the Ukrainian nation. The [heinous atrocities](#) reported in Ukrainian towns such as Bucha – which have only recently been liberated from Russian occupying forces – include murder, [torture, looting, and rape](#). These [inhuman sieges](#), repeated against cities, towns and villages throughout Ukraine, are part of a deliberate and systematic attempt to eliminate the Ukrainian nation. This follows Vladimir Putin's verbal denials of Ukraine's existence and the labeling of Ukraine's very existence as an unacceptable, existential threat to the Russian state. The world is watching a [genocide being actively committed](#) in real time against the Ukrainian people.

However, ending that “farce,” in the US Ambassador’s words, is not nearly enough. Today, the United States must lead the world in announcing comprehensive [new sanctions against Russia](#) and [increasing deliveries of weapons](#) systems to Ukraine as have been requested since before Russia’s renewed aggression. UCCA once again calls upon the United States to immediately provide Ukraine with the [requested air defense systems](#) that are urgently needed to protect the skies above Ukrainian women and children. At the very least, humanitarian corridors must be protected.

Today, streets in Ukraine are [covered in corpses](#), some of which were found with their hands bound. This is [a sight most Europeans thought impossible](#) to imagine in the 21st century. The Russian Federation is a rogue state and has not only failed to honor international commitments and respect the rule of law, it has now abandoned even the veneer of civilization. As the Russian Federation’s actions in Ukraine can clearly be classified as terrorist acts, [UCCA calls on the United States government](#) to classify Russia as a “state sponsor of terror.” It is inconceivable that Russia be allowed to stand [alongside the G20 countries](#) as a leading nation of industry. Instead, Russia must be held accountable for its actions, including the prosecution of [each and every military officer](#) involved in violating international law.

Ukrainians will continue to fight, defending not only our shared values but also the lives of the millions of innocent civilians living in the countries of our allies. If Ukraine falls, there will be Buchas throughout Europe because Russia will not stop. Therefore, the United States must commit to not only supporting Ukraine’s continued fight for freedom but Ukraine’s victory over Russia. There is no alternative.

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RUSSIA AS STATE SPONSOR OF TERROR

How?

Designate Russia as "state sponsor of terror"

Contact Dept. of State

Contact the Department of State

Curtail support for Russian terrorist activities in Ukraine

<https://register.state.gov/contactus/ContactUsForm>

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To contact the State Department, please visit the website at: <https://register.state.gov/contactus/contactusform>

Contact the State Department

"Michael Sawkiw, executive vice president for the Ukrainian

Russia a State Sponsor of Terrorism”

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UCCA Humanitarian Aid Efforts



\$1,700,000

Collected

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\$920,000

Distributed to on-the-ground programs

Direct assistance provided by UCCA as of March 31, 2022



\$1,537,000

Amount Leveraged

*Amount of donated humanitarian aid to UCCA**

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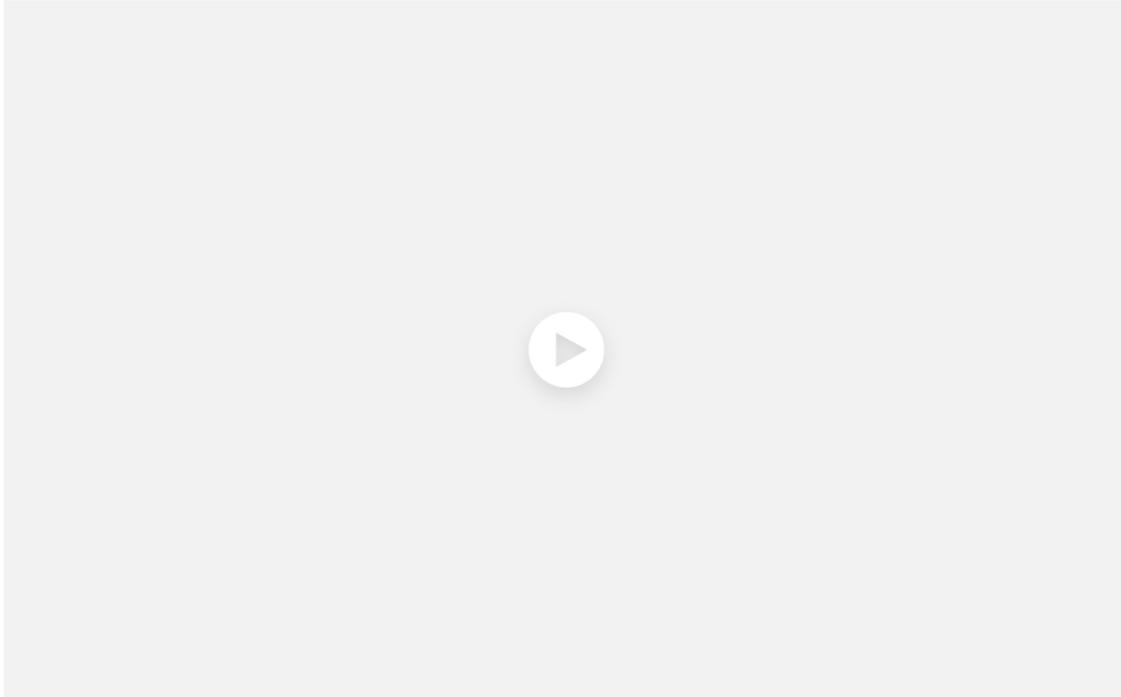
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Washington, DC 20515
April 4, 2022

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden,

As members of the House Armed Services, Intelligence, and Foreign Affairs Committees, as well as members of the bipartisan Ukraine Caucus, we have had substantial interactions with Ukrainian representatives and U.S. national security professionals regarding the situation on the ground in Ukraine and the specific needs for the Ukrainian military and Territorial Defense Forces. We recognize that the United States and its allies and partners have already provided substantial military aid in response to the Russian invasion, including a portion of the \$13.6 billion in emergency funds through the FY22 Omnibus Appropriations bill. However, Ukrainians are clear that more needs to be done for Ukraine to win this war.

Based on our engagements, oversight, and specific requests by Ukrainian officials, we believe there are three critical areas where further U.S. assistance is necessary:

Defend the Skies Over Ukraine

- Increase resupply of Stinger missiles and other air defense systems that have already been provided to defend Ukraine. The Ukrainian military, due to low stocks, is pacing themselves and cannot engage in the full measure of resistance.
- Provide Long-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (SAM) Systems. Currently, the Ukrainians are unable to intercept high-altitude targets. There is an urgent need for long-range SAM systems to protect against the rockets coming from Russian military units and ships.
- Equip the Ukrainian Air Force with aircraft that can fight air to air, and air to ground. Ukrainian forces are skillfully using their fighter aircraft, but they are running low and need to be resupplied as damage to the existing aircraft is diminishing Ukraine's air capabilities. Ukraine has more than enough pilots trained to fly additional aircraft if supplied. Additional aircraft would also allow Ukrainian forces to provide a more adequate defense of urban areas like Kharkiv and Mariupol, where numerous civilian casualties have occurred following Russian attacks.
- Provide a greater range of unmanned aerial systems (UAS) capabilities. Providing Ukraine more advanced UAS capable of longer ranges (e.g. Bayraktar TB-2), will allow them to better disrupt Russian supply lines and counter Russian siege tactics, especially in Eastern Ukraine. Providing additional offensive strike capabilities (e.g. Switchblade

Legislation

Examples: H.R., S.B., H.R. Conf. Rep.

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Introduced in Senate (01/19/2022)
Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2022

This bill temporarily waives certain requirements related to the President's authority to lend or lease defense articles if the defense articles are intended for Ukraine's government and necessary to protect civilians in Ukraine from Russian military invasion.



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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