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## UCCA Applauds President Biden's Visit to Ukraine

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), the largest representative organization of Americans of Ukrainian descent, applauds President Biden's decision to travel to Ukraine. Visiting nearly a year since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, in a war that has been going on for 9

women who are defending not only their own sovereignty, but the entire post-WWII rules-based order.

This was the first time in modern history that a U.S. president entered a war zone where there was not an active U.S. military deployment. Standing next to President Zelensky of Ukraine, the U.S. President remarked, "Kyiv captured a part of my heart. I came here six times as vice president, once as president." Among the [President's first stops](#) was a moment to honor the Heroes of Ukraine at the Wall of Remembrance:



Today's historic visit reflects the Preamble of the 2021 [U.S.-Ukraine Charter on Strategic Partnership](#), which reaffirmed "the importance of our relationship as friends and strategic partners, based both on our shared values and common interests, including a commitment to a Europe that is whole, free, democratic, and at peace. Reiterate that the strategic partnership existing between our two nations is critical for the security of Ukraine and Europe as a whole."

Equal in importance to the historic visit was the support [promised by President Biden today](#), which will include another delivery of "critical equipment, including artillery ammunition, anti-armor systems, and air surveillance radars to help protect the Ukrainian people from aerial bombardments." UCCA awaits further announcements later this week



On this historic day, Ukrainians around the world pause to remember 100 brave individuals whose lives were tragically cut short in Kyiv on this date in 2014. Dubbed The Heavenly Hundred - Небесна Сотня, they gave their “soul and body for [their] freedom” as Ukraine’s anthem declares, and in the process changed the fate of their country. Ukraine today stands in large part because of the heroism and sacrifice of those who have fought and died to defend both their homeland as well as Democracy as a whole. May today’s historic visit live up to the example of those brave enough to protest oppression in the name of Dignity and fundamental Human Rights and the thousands of lives lost in defense of those ideals since that historic day.

Ukrainians around the world welcome President Biden’s visit, and in reply to his closing message, we answer “**Heroiam slava!**”

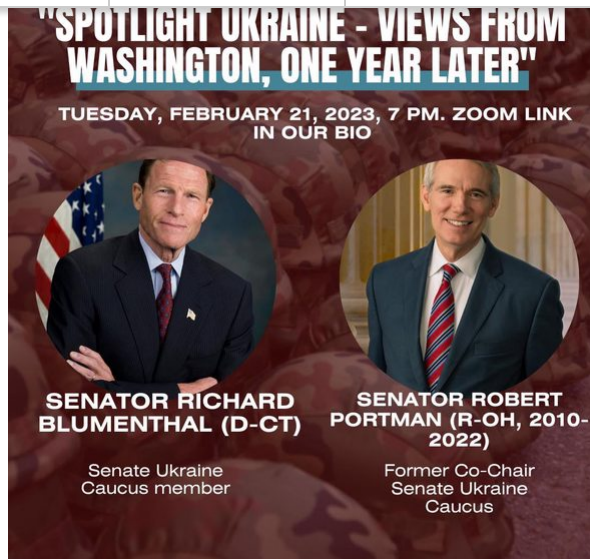


Visit to Ukraine by H. E. Joseph R. Biden Jr.,  
President of the United States

February 20, 2020

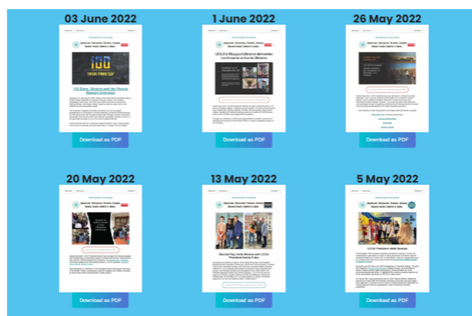
I am honored to be welcomed again  
in Kyiv to stand in solidarity and friendship  
with the freedom loving people of Ukraine. Mr. President,  
please accept my deepest respect for your courage  
and leadership. Slava Ukraini!

Joe Biden



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