On February 24th, 2022, russia began a full-scale, unprovoked military invasion of Ukraine and the world was irrevocably changed. With that act, the russians viciously violated the post-World War II European security architecture. However, at the same time, they smashed the illusion held by members of the international community that a barbaric, unrepentant Empire under the guise of a so-called federation can be a reliable, trustworthy partner in any civilized International order. This last year has exposed russia’s cruelty, bloodthirstiness, and sheer unconcealed hatred not only for
For 12 months the brave Ukrainian men and women have been standing on the front lines of democracy, defending all of Europe from Russia’s advancing tyranny. The toll has been staggering for Ukraine - thousands have been killed, over 6.5 million have fled to the safety of other countries, and 8 million are internally displaced within the borders of Ukraine. Thousands of Ukrainian children stolen from their families and trafficked into Russia. Make no mistake, Russia is committing genocide, brazenly and in full view of the world. The aggressor’s genocidal war against Ukraine has created the largest humanitarian crisis Europe has seen since WWII. The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), representing the 2 million Americans of Ukrainian descent since 1940, expresses its profound gratitude to all those who have laid down their lives in defense of our common shared values of human rights and democracy.

As the world continues to watch in horror, Ukraine remains resolute, and her people remain resilient. And they fight on bravely because they understand that it is not just their territorial integrity and sovereignty at stake, but the basic tenets of decency and democracy. As President Biden declared in Warsaw, “while decisions are ours to make now, the principles and the stakes are eternal. A choice between chaos and stability… Between hope and fear. Between democracy that lifts up the human spirit and the brutal hand of the dictator who crushes it…”

If we fail to adhere to our stated principles and abandon Ukraine, not only will we compromise our moral and ethical foundation, but we will fundamentally undermine the national security interests of the United States. If Ukraine is allowed to fall, Russia will not stop at Ukraine’s borders and the future course of world history will grow dark. What happens in Ukraine today, determines how the coming generations will live, whether they will live in democracies or in totalitarian states; whether their lives will be free or whether they will live in servitude.

As President Biden stated, “Because in the moments of great upheaval and uncertainty, knowing what you stand for is most important, and knowing who stands with you makes all the difference.” UCCA stands for those principles of freedom, decency and democracy and has advocated that all who stand for these values, #StandWithUkraine. Recognizing that Ukraine is our frontline of defense, today, more than ever, we must provide Ukraine all the timely assistance she needs in her fight for freedom, including military support in the form of all possible tanks, air defense systems and fighter jets – for victory must be attained. There is no alternative.
With Ukraine’s cultural identity and heritage under continuous threat and attack by Russian forces, the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) announced today that its Ukraine Cultural Heritage Response Initiative will invest $7 million to support Ukrainian efforts to protect its cultural heritage.
Chairman Menendez Statement on One-Year Anniversary of Putin’s Illegal, Unprovoked War on Ukraine

Ranking Member Risch: Ukrainians Are Resilient, We Must Provide Them the Support to End This War

Chairmen McCaul, Rogers, Turner Statement Ahead of Anniversary of Putin’s Invasion of Ukraine

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