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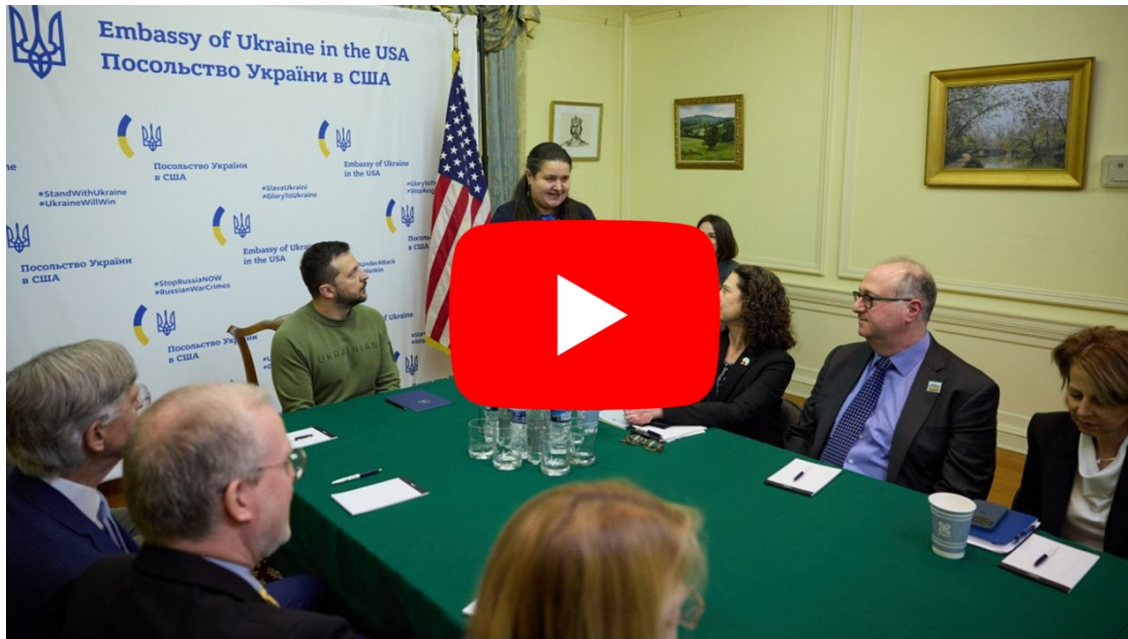
## President Zelenskyy Concludes US Visit #ArmUkraineNOW



*UCCA Greets President Zelenskyy*

With continued funding for Ukraine's Armed Forces at a tipping point, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine arrived in Washington, D.C., this week in hopes of finding a way forward for a [currently stalled](#), but much-needed budget supplemental. President Zelenskyy finished his first day of this [second visit in three months](#), and [his third](#) in nearly a year, at meeting with U.S. foreign policy experts at the Embassy of Ukraine to the United States of America. Participating in the lengthy strategy session were former US Ambassadors to Ukraine, think tank executives and [UCCA President Andriy Futey](#) and [UCCA Executive Vice President Mychajlo Sawkiw, Jr.](#)

Speaking directly with these major policy influencers, President Zelenskyy [reviewed the results achieved](#) by Ukraine's Heroes and Heroines using armed assistance from the USA, and in particular, Ukraine's military successes in the Black Sea. A discussion followed among those at the table about the importance of both maintaining American support for Ukraine, as well as keeping attention on Ukraine in the face of other global challenges.



While he stayed in our country for less than 48 hours, the enemy nonetheless timed numerous attacks to coincide with President Zelenskyy's visit, including powerful cyberattacks against [telecommunications operator Kyivstar](#) as well as [the banking platform Monobank](#), and a barrage of [kamikaze drones and ballistic missiles](#) aimed at targets across Ukraine.



Arriving in the USA on 11 December, President Zelenskyy began his visit by meeting with Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Charles Brown, at the [National Defense University](#).

President Zelenskyy then went on to [deliver an address](#) at the university's [Abraham Lincoln Hall on the grounds of historic Fort Lesley J. McNair](#), where he reminded the military officers in attendance, "The whole world is watching us... Ukraine hasn't given up and won't give up. We know what to do, and you



can count on Ukraine. And we hope, just as much to be able to count on you."



Additional meetings on 11 December included visiting with the leadership of the [International Monetary Fund](#) and the [World Bank](#) respectively, as well as hosting executives from [major U.S. defense companies](#). As with his September visit, President Zelenskyy dedicated his time on 12 December to meeting with as many elected officials as time would allow.



*With Sens. McConnell and Schumer*



*Senate Briefing*

President Zelenskyy arrived at the US Capitol early in the morning, where he had [the opportunity to tell U.S. Senators directly](#) that Ukraine is still counting on U.S. support to come through. Replying to questions from senators in the historic Mike Mansfield Room, President Zelenskyy made assurances that no money would be used corruptly in Ukraine. Speaking [after the meeting on the Senate floor](#), Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-NY) said,

“If we abandon Ukraine to the dark forces of autocracy, we will all pay a price. The price won’t be tomorrow, meaning next week. But it will be months and years ahead.”



*Sen. Schumer*



*Speaker Johnson*

Exactly one week earlier, recently elected House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) had hosted [his counterpart Ruslan Stefanchuk](#), Speaker of the Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) of Ukraine. President Zelenskyy followed up on the topics discussed in that earlier meeting by first expressing gratitude to the U.S. Congress for all of their efforts to date in “providing our country with significant assistance that allows us to effectively counter the aggressor.” President Zelenskyy also [complimented the reproduction](#) of the Ukrainian [Ostroh Bible](#) (c.1580) on display in the Speaker's office.



*Speaker Johnson with Speaker Stefanchuk*



*Speaker Johnson with President Zelenskyy*

Following a their 30-minute meeting, Speaker Johnson [said that the Biden administration’s response](#) to congressional Republicans’ demands has been “insufficient,” and reiterated his stance that a deal remains unlikely without a “transformative change” at the border.

As [during his September visit](#), President Zelenskyy made sure to seek support from elected officials on both sides of the aisle. For this visit, this took the form of a [separate meeting](#) with leaders of the House Democratic Caucus, including the two Democratic co-chairs of the bipartisan



## [Congressional Ukraine Caucus.](#)



*Dem Caucus Leader Hakeem Jeffries*



*Dem Caucus Meeting*



*CUC Co-Chair Marcy Kaptur*



*CUC Co-Chair Mike Quigley*

President Zelenskyy also [met with U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris](#) on 12 December. The [leaders agreed](#) on the importance of continued international support to sustain the morale of the Ukrainian people, who must know that they are not alone as they defend their country against Russian aggression.



*Vice President Harris with President Zelenskyy*



To cap off the visit, President Zelenskyy [met with President Joe Biden](#) at the White House on Tuesday afternoon. [Both leaders discussed](#) plans for the coming year, the growing cooperation between U.S. and Ukrainian defense industries, and Ukraine's use of the corridor in the Black Sea to export its grain and other products. President Zelenskyy also emphasized that even during the war, Ukraine continues to successfully reform its institutions to integrate into the European Union.



*President Biden with President Zelenskyy*



*Joint Press Conference*

Following the meeting, both leaders held a joint press conference at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building. At that press conference, President Biden announced that he had authorized an [additional \\$200 million in drawdown funds](#) for Ukraine.



*President Zelenskyy to Fox News: "We only have one enemy and it's Putin"*

This brief but ambitious trip was added to President Zelenskyy's itinerary following his first [visit to Latin America](#) on 10 December, which in turn followed the [first visit by a Ukrainian Head of State](#) to the island country of Cabo Verde, [West of Africa](#).

During his 24 hours in Buenos Aires, President Zelenskyy managed to meet with the Presidents of [Paraguay](#), [Uruguay](#), and [Ecuador](#), as well as [meet with](#), and attend the inauguration, of the [newly elected President](#) of Argentina, [Javier Milei](#).

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## UNIS Action Alert



The latest congressional impasse is still preventing the approval of \$61 billion in additional aid for Ukraine even after President Zelenskyy's visit to Washington, D.C. With the House and Senate scheduled to adjourn at the end of this week for their Christmas vacation, the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) and its Washington, D.C., public affairs bureau – the [Ukrainian National Information Service \(UNIS\)](#) – urge you to IMMEDIATELY contact your elected officials to express your support for the supplemental assistance to Ukraine.

## HOW TO CONTACT CONGRESS:

1. Click [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov) to search for your state and its two senators;
2. Click [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov), input your zip code to search for your Representative; and
3. Copy and paste sample letter below into the contact form and press send.

It is essential for **constituents** to contact their Representative and two Senators. As congressional offices tally correspondence they receive on issues of concern to constituents, your communication with your elected officials will denote the importance and urgency of additional security assistance to Ukraine.

Below please find a sample draft for your correspondence with your elected officials:

*Dear Senator/Representative:*

*As a constituent in [state/district], I urge you to support Ukraine, specifically the proposed \$61.4 billion supplemental request to aid Ukraine's territorial defense. This crucial assistance benefits Ukraine, the United States, and the entire Free World.*

*Ukraine is not only defending its own country, sovereignty, and territorial integrity, it is also defending the Euro-Atlantic security dynamic. Your support is greatly appreciated.*

*Thank you!*

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## Holiday Gifts that Help Ukraine



UCCA has [partnered with Rachael Ray](#) to raise funds for the [UNBROKEN National Rehabilitation Center](#) in Lviv. Through the purchase of custom necklaces by [DelBrenna Jewelry](#), you can support this unique facility where adults and children affected by the war can receive comprehensive qualified medical care. Shop for your necklace at [www.rachaelray-delbrenna.com](http://www.rachaelray-delbrenna.com)



UCCA also has several items available to ship out from our National Office in time for your [holiday shopping needs](#), including:

- **Золотий павучок** - зворушлива різдвяна історія про дивовижну пригоду, що сталася на Святвечір. Автор: Іван Малкович, Ілюстрації: Катерина Штанко
- An assortment of colorful **Ukrainian Nativity Cards** with artwork by Myroslawa Stojko
- A gift subscription to **The Ukrainian Quarterly**
- The 700-page anthology **The Ukrainian Heritage in America**

### Candid.

UCCA has earned a 2023 Platinum Seal of Transparency, the highest award from the charity rating organization Candid. Formerly known as Guidestar, Candid is the world's largest source of information on nonprofit organizations. Out of all non-profits registered in the United States, only roughly 6% receive the Platinum level of transparency.

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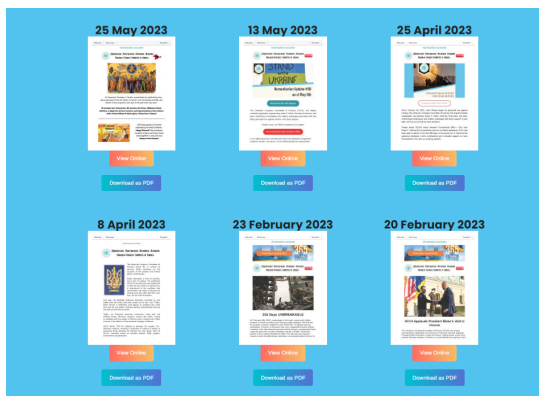
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