UCCA: Now Is the Time to Call Congress

We’re at the Goal Line

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The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) and its Washington, D.C., public affairs bureau – the Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS) – urge you to contact your member of Congress TODAY, and EVERY DAY thereafter, until Congress brings the 2024 National Security Supplemental Appropriations Act up for a vote.

Since discussions began in August 2023, we are at the closest point to approving U.S. military aid deliveries to Ukraine for the first time in 2024.

Now is the time to act and #ArmUkraine.
In the early hours of 13 February, the U.S. Senate voted 70-29 to approve the **National Security Supplemental Appropriations Act** of 2024. The $95.34 billion national security supplemental package includes:

- **$60.06 billion to support Ukraine** as it fights back against Putin’s bloody invasion and protects its people and sovereignty.
- **$14.1 billion** in security assistance for Israel.
- **$2.44 billion** to support operations in the U.S. Central Command and address combat expenditures related to conflict in the Red Sea.
- **$9.15 billion** in humanitarian assistance to provide food, water, shelter, medical care, and other essential services to civilians in Gaza and the West Bank, Ukraine, and other populations caught in conflict zones across the globe.
- **$4.83 billion** to support key regional partners in the Indo-Pacific and deter aggression by the Chinese government.
- **$481 million** to continue support for Ukrainians displaced by Putin’s war of aggression.
- **$400 million** for the Nonprofit Security Grant Program to help nonprofits and places of worship make security enhancements.
- The Fentanyl Eradication and Narcotics Deterrence (FEND) Off Fentanyl Act.

From the floor of the U.S. Senate, Republican Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) described the importance of passing this legislation:

"Our allies and partners in Ukraine and Israel are fighting our shared adversaries, degrading their military capacity and working to restore deterrence. Our friends in the Pacific are working to deter yet another one… Together, they’re facing the raw end of authoritarian aggression and terrorist savagery. And our colleagues have heard me say it before – American assistance to their efforts is not charity. It’s an investment in cold, hard U.S. interests."

U.S. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer praised the upper chamber of Congress for approving "one of the most historic and consequential bills
This legislation corrects decades of neglect which left America woefully ill-prepared to fight a protracted war with a major power. Because the U.S. has chosen to #StandWithUkraine over these past 2 years, U.S. manufacturing plants across the Midwest, the South, and out West are finally expanding, hiring more Americans and producing weapons that will be sold to strong allies willing to share the burden to deter aggression.

While America’s military leaders continue to warn how Putin’s war against Ukraine is creating significant “destabilizing impacts on global security” that stretch “far beyond the European frontlines,” Ukraine’s military is under increased operational strain. The extensive land mines placed on Ukraine’s sovereign territory by the invaders have pushed Ukraine to rely even more on artillery targeting from a distance, and ammunition is depleting rapidly.

 America’s continued assistance to Ukraine will help advance U.S. national security – and by extension global stability – all without sending American troops into harm’s way.

**HOW TO CONTACT CONGRESS:**

1. Click www.house.gov, input your zip code to search for your Representative; and
2. Call and wait to speak to an actual person, or
3. Copy and paste sample letter below into the contact form and press send.

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“*The responsibility now falls on Speaker Johnson and House Republicans to approve this bill swiftly. And I call on Speaker Johnson to rise to the occasion. To do the right thing. Bring this bill to the floor. As I said, given the large majority, robust majority here in the Senate it is clear that if that bill was brought to the floor, our bill is brought to the floor, it will pass. But if the hard-right kills this bill, it would be an enormous gift to Vladimir Putin.*”

Dear Representative:

As a constituent in [state/district], I urge you to support Ukraine, specifically the proposed 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!

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In-District/State  February 20–23, 2024

Ukrainian Week @UNISdirect @uccaorg

For more information: UkraineDaysDC2024@gmail.com

The House of Representatives will be in recess from 16 February – 5 March, with Members of Congress making themselves available during this time back in their home districts. A “Ukrainian Week” of Advocacy coordinated by UNIS/UCCA will be held in local congressional districts and states throughout the country from 20–23 February 2024. For further information and to register for the event, please contact UkraineDaysDC2024@gmail.com

Download UNIS’ Action Alert (PDF)
Upcoming Events

The Ukrainian World Congress and the Serhiy Prytula Charity Foundation are partnering to announce a charity tour of North America titled "Непереможні, Коли Об'єднані - Invincible When United." A fundraiser to purchase armored vehicles for safe humanitarian demining in the Kherson region.

Community meetings will be held in a "fireside chat" format, featuring a conversation with Serhiy Prutyla and UWC President Paul Grod. The event will include a short video presentation and a question-and-answer session. The discussions will revolve around the volunteer movement, supporting Ukraine's Defense Forces, and the current situation on the frontlines of Russia's war against Ukraine.

The aim of the event is to answer the question, "How can we do more and be more effective?"

Tickets can be purchased at unitewithukraine.com/events

Some communities throughout the USA have already announced their plans to commemorate the second anniversary of full-fledged aggression in a war that has lasted 10 years. Graphics and materials have been prepared by the Ukrainian World Congress, which will also be compiling a worldwide list of events throughout our global community. UCCA will be listing all US-based events on our website:

Events - Continue to Stand with Ukraine 2024
For nearly two years, UCCA has been soliciting, purchasing, delivering, and distributing crucial assistance to Ukraine. We have provided nearly $40 million worth of non-lethal assistance to Ukraine's brave defenders, along with direct humanitarian and medical aid to help alleviate the challenges Ukrainians continue to face due to Russia's full-scale, genocidal invasion. UCCA's 84th and 85th Humanitarian Aid Updates include pictures of warm...
UCCA's partners on the ground continues to distribute the significant corporate donations of winter-weather gear from Fieldsheer and Bombas in Ukraine. UCCA's 85th Humanitarian Aid Updates shows pictures of those supplies being delivered to Ukraine.

Your continued donations to UCCA's #SupportUkraine Fund will help enable us to continue providing what is necessary to keep Ukrainians fed, warmly clothed, sheltered and healthy this Winter.

Donate to #SupportUkraine Today!

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.

Your checks are also welcome!
Mail to:

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 Charity Navigator
With more than 200,000 charities rated, Charity Navigator provides free access to data, tools, and resources to guide philanthropic decision-making. According to their comprehensive ratings program, the cost-effectiveness and overall health of a UCCA's programs merit a 3-Star Charity rating. By the measures of UCCA's stability, efficiency, and sustainability, UCCA ranks as a standout organization.
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BREAKING NEWS: SENATE PASSES UKRAINE FUNDING

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URGENT: CONTACT YOUR SENATORS - Supplemental Funding for Ukraine in Jeopardy

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.

ЦЮ ТАКЕ УККА?
Український Конгресовий Комітет Америки (УККА) є неприбутковою, безпартійною громадською організацією, яка представляє інтереси українців у Сполучених Штатах Америки з 1940 року.

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