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Dear Speaker Johnson,

We, the undersigned representatives of American Ukrainian and Jewish diasporas, implore you to support the supplemental requests to aid Ukraine's and Israel's territorial defense. Amid a new wave of direct Iranian aggression alongside continued Russian aggression, the United States must stand resolutely with our allies, Israel and Ukraine.


After twenty-six months of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, the reality has become abundantly clear. Russia's barbaric invasion not only violates human rights and the American-led rules-based order, but these heinous crimes directly threaten America's national security interests. What we pay now will pale in comparison to further efforts in the future.

The Ukrainians "are now being outshot by the Russian side five to one. So, the Russians fire five times as many artillery shells at the Ukrainians than the Ukrainians are able to fire back. That will immediately go to ten to one in a matter of weeks," General Christopher Cavoli, head of U.S. European Command said last week. "We're not talking about months. We're not talking hypothetically." Any further delay in the advancement of the assistance provided by the supplemental bill before the U.S. House of Representatives will have imminent catastrophic effects on American interests in the region.

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) and American Jewish Committee (AJC) were aligned on the need to support democratic allies fighting authoritarian aggression before the October 7th attack on Israel. The war against Hamas has cemented the need to prioritize support for allies in their fight for democracy, freedom, and justice. It is no accident that Hamas is working with Russia and Iran to destabilize the region. Many of the same attack drones used against Ukraine were used against Israel just last week.

The UCCA and AJC both call on you to support critically needed assistance in the Ukraine and Israel security supplementals. This funding aligns with U.S. national security interests and strategic planning for our allies in Europe and the Middle East. Our allies need us. The time to act is now.

Respectfully,

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