

## #STOPNORDSTREAM2 CAMPAIGN

Russia invaded Ukraine's sovereign territory and illegally annexed Crimea over seven years ago – and the armed military occupation continues to this day with Ukraine's bravest defending not only Ukraine but the rest of Europe. Instead of maintaining sanctions on Russia for Putin's malevolent behavior, Germany and the U.S. announced a reset in sanctions against Putin's biggest prize: the Nord Stream 2 pipeline project. We need the community's help to #StopNordStream2.



### Join the campaign by:

**Contacting the White House** between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM EST at 202-456-1111. Tell the White House that you hope President Biden will agree to implement Congress' sanctions against the Nord Stream 2 pipeline project which he called "a bad idea... a Russian malign influence project... that will fundamentally destabilize Ukraine." Register your complaints online at: [www.whitehouse.gov/contact/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/)

**Contacting your Senators and Members of Congress** and asking them: "Does the Senator/Member of Congress support repealing sanctions against the Nord Stream 2 pipeline? Does the Senator/Member of Congress intend to co-sponsor legislation repealing the sanctions passed by overwhelming bipartisan majorities in 2019 and 2020? Has the Senator/Member of Congress issued a public statement or social media posting about the recent US-German agreement to waive congressionally mandated sanctions in perpetuity?"

- [www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative](http://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative)
- [www.senate.gov/senators/senators-contact.htm](http://www.senate.gov/senators/senators-contact.htm)

The **media needs to be influenced** as well. Regardless of party affiliation our hromada needs to reach out on Social Media – via Facebook and Twitter comments – to major media outlets and express their disappointment by writing – *"I am a disappointed voter. The President of the United States is doing just the opposite of what he promised to do against Russia. Congressional sanctions against the NordStream 2 project are 'mandatory, not discretionary.'"*

## UCCA RELEASES CRIMEAN DOCTRINE IN SUPPORT OF THE CRIMEAN PLATFORM

In late 2020 President Zelensky announced the creation of the Crimean Platform – calling partners to join the international effort to end Russia's illegal occupation of Crimea. The platform, whose objective is to keep the occupation of Crimea in the focus of constant international attention, is to function on several levels. The first – the highest political level – will include heads of states; the second – foreign and defense ministers; the third – parliamentarians; and the fourth – experts and the non-governmental organizations. It was in this fourth tier that UCCA released its Crimean Doctrine, which reads in part:

*"The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America... does not, has not, nor will ever recognize the Russian Federation's March 2014 staged plebiscite in Crimea and stands firm that Russia's continued presence in Crimea can only be recognized as a blatant violation of Ukraine's sovereignty, and Crimea's territorial and administrative integrity. UCCA categorically rejects Russia's illegal occupation of Crimea and pledges to maintain this policy until Ukraine's territorial integrity is fully restored..."*

*"UCCA reaffirms its strong support for the United States' policy of refusal to recognize the Kremlin's claim of sovereignty over territory seized by force in contravention of international law..."*

*"UCCA deplores the continued human rights violations perpetrated by Russia in Crimea and honors the efforts and sacrifice of those under direct threat from Russia's unrelenting aggressive behavior, including the indigenous Crimean Tatar people..."*

*"UCCA calls on the international community to intensify their condemnation of Russia's illegal occupation of Ukraine and devote all efforts to the restoration of Ukraine's territorial integrity and rule of law to Crimea. The only hope for returning basic human rights to the people of Crimea is the end of Russia's military occupation..."*

The full text of UCCA's Crimean Doctrine can be found on our website at: [www.ucca.org](http://www.ucca.org)

## UCCA LAUNCHES “30 FOR 30” FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) is challenging our community and supporters to help raise \$30,000 in time for Ukraine’s 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of renewed Independence celebrated on August 24, 2021.

As the community’s coordinating body, UCCA has remained at the forefront of generating aid and action in defense of Ukraine’s independence and territorial integrity. But during these celebratory, yet challenging times for Ukraine, we need to work to strengthen the bilateral relations between the United States and Ukraine by continuing to:

- Promote Ukraine-related issues within the U.S. government
- Forge relationships with diverse ethnic communities
- Cultivate strategic alliances that bolster advocacy on various issues of common concern
- Increase our social media footprint to spread the truth about Ukraine and our message to gain support for various initiatives
- Publish the only English language journal dedicated to Ukraine – The Ukrainian Quarterly
- Host conferences and forums on timely as well as historical issues

We hope we can count on your support to raise **\$30,000 in time for Ukraine’s 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of renewed Independence on August 24<sup>th</sup>** – so that we may continue our vital work in representing and serving the needs of the Ukrainian American community and assisting our homeland, Ukraine.



No amount is too small... Help UCCA reach its Goal!



<https://bit.ly/SupportUCCA>

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*As a 501 C (3) organization,  
all donations to UCCA are tax-exempt.*

## SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 18TH

UCCA is co-hosting a special Ukraine Historical Encounters Series event entitled “**Ukraine at 30,**” scheduled take place at the Ukrainian Institute of America in New York City on September 18, 2021.

The forum is scheduled to run three highlight focus sessions and three panel discussions geared at taking a fresh, critical look at the myriad circumstances that led to the declaration of an independent Ukraine in 1991 and shaped Ukraine’s present course as an aspiring member of the Euro-Atlantic community, using the three great manifestations of popular will known as the ‘Maidans’ as well as Ukraine’s unwanted conflict with an obstreperous neighbor simply known as ‘the War’ as focal points in the conversation. The event will host several high-level speakers from Ukraine and the United States.

For more information and/or to register please contact the UCCA National Office at (212) 228-6840 or email at [ucca@ucca.org](mailto:ucca@ucca.org).



## 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE REQUEST

Across the United States, many of our local Ukrainian American communities will return to publicly celebrate Ukraine's Independence this August. If you or your local community receive any official proclamations or stage any independence events, please share them with UCCA's National Office so that we may gather them together with our archives of proclamations and greetings dating back to 1940.



We will further pass along any images and videos to Ukraine through the Embassy in Washington as well as through the Ukrainian World Congress. See more at: [https://ucca.org/independence\\_2021/](https://ucca.org/independence_2021/)