

UCCA HOLDS EXTRAORDINARY MEETING WITH OUR LOCAL BRANCHES

On January 27th, UCCA convened an extraordinary virtual meeting of community leaders from across the United States to discuss the current situation in Ukraine. With the massive build-up of Russian forces along Ukraine's borders (the largest mobilization of troops in Europe in decades), and the U.S. government stating that further invasion could be imminent, Ukraine is dominating the news channels.



UCCA's President and members of the Executive Board, called this extraordinary Zoom meeting to address how best our local Branches/community can effectively work with the mass media, correspond with their respective elected officials and organize influential rallies, flashmobs as well as online events. UCCA also presented its Council on Aid to Ukrainians #SupportUkraine Humanitarian Aid project (details to the right), which was launched to assist our brethren in Ukraine should Russia invade further.

UCCA calls on our Local Branches and Ukrainian communities throughout the United States to continue their #StandWithUkraine campaign. We urge you to share your activism with UCCA's National Office by sending photos, articles, flyers, etc. to ucca@ucca.org

Support peace and security in Ukraine and the world
#StandWithUkraine

UCCA is extremely grateful to our Local Branches and active communities around the United States for their vigorous support of our homeland Ukraine! Thank you for all that you are doing – we cannot let our guard down – make your voices heard today!

UCCA's CAU (RODU) LAUNCHES HUMANITARIAN AID PROJECT

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America's Council on Aid to Ukrainians (CAU/RODU) has launched a nationwide fundraising campaign to support our brethren in Ukraine, in the event of Russia's further invasion and escalation in Ukraine.

If deterrence fails, Ukrainian officials estimate between 3 to 5 million Ukrainians could become refugees, with many children caught in the middle of an armed conflict. Even as we pray for Ukraine, UCCA's CAU/RODU has already reached out to "AICM-Ukraine" Foundation (Association Internationale de Cooperation Medicine) to partner in planning for the provision of vital humanitarian aid to this population, as well as to the front-line defenders.

AICM-Ukraine, under the coordination of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), has secured warehouses in several oblasts in the east, south and north of Ukraine, where prepositioned humanitarian aid supplies can be securely stored. CAU/RODU will assist AICM-Ukraine by earmarking **your donations for the purchase of WHO-standard NCDK medical kits and WHO-standard IEHK or TESK pharmaceutical kits.**

To donate, please send a check or money order, made out to: "UCCA-CAU" and mail to:

Ukrainian Congress Committee of America
203 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10003

Donations can also be made online at
<https://mtyc.co/kb1eof>

All donations to UCCA's Council on Aid to Ukrainians are tax-deductible.

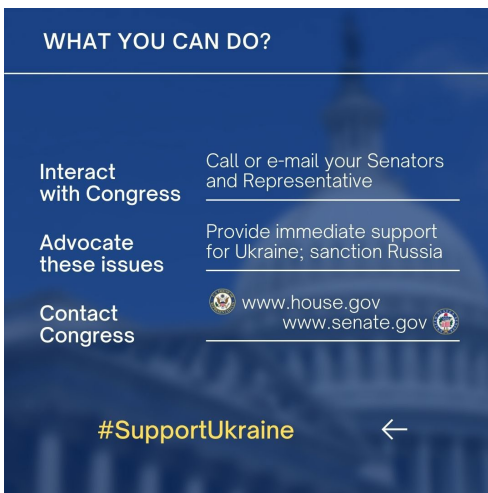


#SUPPORTUKRAINE

#SupportUkraine is an advocacy campaign promoting Ukraine's immediate needs in the face of increased Russian aggression, including: increased security and military assistance; increased sanctions against the Russia Federation; and combatting Russian propaganda and disinformation. These needs should be mentioned in the course of your outreach to Senators and Members of Congress, seeking their immediate support of Ukraine in its defense of its sovereignty, territorial integrity, and independence.



Please contact your elected officials at their local district offices, and request to meet with them to discuss the security needs of Ukraine.



UCCA's Washington, D.C.-based bureau, the Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS), regularly sends e-mails informing you about congressional legislation and infographics that you can post on your social media platforms.

UCCA urges our communities to organize Town Hall meetings with their respective members of Congress (see box to right). Should you need help organizing or moderating, UCCA's Executive Board is happy to assist.

UCCA HOLDS WEBINAR WITH CONNECTICUT SENATORS

At the initiation/invitation of UCCA's Hartford Branch, Senators Chris Murphy (D-CT), a member of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), a member of the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee, participated in a Virtual Town Hall with their state's Ukrainian American community on January 26.



Having just recently returned from Ukraine, the senators underscored the bipartisan support Ukraine has in Congress and how they reaffirmed this to President Zelenskyy following the stalled talks with Russia the week before.

Senators Murphy and Blumenthal have also joined 24 of their Senate colleagues in introducing the bipartisan *Defending Ukraine Sovereignty Act of 2022*, critical legislation to impose steep penalties on Russia's aggression towards Ukraine.

INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

On January 28th UCCA participated in an online webinar to commemorate *International Holocaust Remembrance Day*.



Organized by Ukraine's Permanent Mission to the United Nations, representatives of the State of Israel, as well as Ukrainian and Jewish American community leaders spoke in solemn remembrance of the dignity and memory of the millions of innocent Jewish lives persecuted and murdered by Nazi Germany during the Holocaust.

If you missed this important webinar, you can view it in full on UCCA's YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/YFgXGUSnGnY>