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## Dear Friends of Ukraine,

Western and Ukrainian reports confirm that Russia's aggressive posturing on Ukraine's border is serious and a growing threat. We are all too familiar with various forms of Russian hybrid aggression towards Ukraine which include massing of troops on Ukraine's borders, as well as the continued threat to European energy security should the NordStream2 pipeline be fully operational.

Currently the Senate is exploring options within the annual National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) to include amendments for Ukraine that would impose immediate sanctions on the NordStream2 political pipeline (sponsored by Sen. Risch); enact severe sanctions against Russia should acts of Russian aggression against Ukraine continue (sponsored by Sen. Menendez); and, provide increased military assistance to Ukraine to defend its sovereignty and independence (sponsored by Sens. Portman and Shaheen). Please review the UCCA statement on the proposed amendments by clinking on the link below:

https://ucca.org/ucca-must-pass-ndaa-amendments-20211201/

UNIS has been constantly monitoring the situation in Washington and advocating for enhanced support for Ukraine at this critical juncture. Our elected officials in United States Senate must hear from their constituents to reinforce our advocacy of the U.S.-Ukraine strategic partnership and to augment necessary assistance for Ukraine.

Please contact your Senators via the Senate website - www.senate.gov.

For your convenience, below please find a sample text to your senators.

## Sample text

Dear Senator/Representative (name):

As a Ukrainian American constituent in (state), I respectfully request your support on three crucial issues in the Senate version of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) bill. The three initiatives are meant to support our strategic partner, Ukraine, as that country deals with increased acts of Russian aggression.

Please support efforts to enact immediate sanctions against the NordStream2pipeline, as indicated in an amendment by Sen. Risch (S.Amdt.4859); to institute drastic sanctions against Russia for their aggressive acts regarding Ukraine, as introduced in an amendment by Sen. Menendez (S.Amdt.4832); and, to increase military assistance to Ukraine in light of Russia's military build-up on the Ukrainian border, as proposed by Sens. Portman and Shaheen (S.Amdt.4540).

Thank you for your attention to these very important issues. Your support of Ukraine and its strategic importance to the national security interests of the United States would be greatly appreciated.

Below, please find an infographic about the key points of interest regarding the Senate amendments. UNIS urges you to contact your senators and request their continued support for Ukraine.

## Support Ukraine!

The News

## **CONTACT YOUR SENATORS**



- Enact immediate NordStream2 sanctions
- Increase military assistance to Ukraine
- Sanction Russia for its malign and aggressive actions

**NDAA Amendments** 

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