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Dear Friends of Ukraine,

IN THE SENATE:

As mentioned in previous e-mails and Action Items, the U.S. Senate voted today upon S.3436, the Protecting Europe's Energy Security Implementation Act. While the bill won a majority of the vote count, the procedural nature of the bill entailed a 60-vote threshold for the bill to pass.

The Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS) still urges you to contact your elected officials to express your deep concern about the security vacuum which would occur should the NordStream2 project be operational and to include sanctions language in future legislative initiatives. Given the continued threat of Kremlin aggression against Ukraine, the NordStream2 project is still active and we must pursue all measures to halt its future operation. To contact your senators and Representatives, respectively, please visit www.senate.gov and www.house.gov. Your communication with your elected officials will denote the importance and urgency to stop the completion of the political pipeline.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

In other congressional-related news, several Representatives recently introduced the Guaranteeing Ukraine's Autonomy by Reinforcing its Defense (GUARD) Act of 2022. The bill is analogous to the Senate version introduced in December 2021. UNIS will provide additional information about the procedures and process for the GUARD Act in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. Below please find a press release from the Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee about the introduction of the GUARD Act in the U.S. House of Representatives: <https://gop-foreignaffairs.house.gov/press-release/mccaul-house-republicans-introduce-legislation-to-support-ukraine-and-hold-russia-accountable/>

UKRAINE, I STAND WITH YOU

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) and its Washington, DC public affairs bureau – the Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS) – have joined an international # (hashtag) social media campaign to support Ukraine.

Below please find a sample text to send to your elected officials requesting their support to post the enclosed infographic and hashtags in support of Ukraine.

Dear Senator/Representative (name):

The global Ukrainian community has launched a social media campaign in support of Ukraine. On behalf of your constituents and as a strong supporter of the independence and territorial integrity of Ukraine, the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) respectfully requests your participation by taking a picture and posting on your social media outlets. A text for your social media is also provided below:

"As Ukraine withstands unprecedented levels of Russian aggression, I stand in support of our strategic partner – Ukraine. My objective in Congress is to provide much-needed assistance to preserve the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Ukraine. SLAVA UKRAINI!"

Thank you for your cooperation and attention to this matter. Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (e-mail).

Please circulate this infographic widely to your family and friends and post onto your social media channels – Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and Twitter.



Should you have any questions or comments, please contact the Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS) at: unis.sawkiw@gmail.com.

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## UKRAINIAN AMERICANS RESPOND TO WHITE HOUSE PRESS CONFERENCE

New York, NY (UCCA) - The Ukrainian American community, as do all Americans, look to our Commander-in-Chief to live up not only to his oath of office in defense of our Republic, but to stand in defense of our ideals of Liberty and Democracy when confronted by a foreign adversary. The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), the largest representation of Americans of Ukrainian descent, has spoken out for over 80 years in support of United States authorities executing their duties, while consistently and rightfully calling upon the United States to enact severe ramifications for violations of international law for the common good.

So when, during his final State of the Union address, President Obama declared, "Even as their economy severely contracts, Russia is pouring resources in to prop up Ukraine and Syria -- client states that they saw slipping away from their orbit," when summarizing the United States' national priorities, UCCA objected to this characterization of Ukraine, a long-time strategic partner of the United States.

And when, in his joint press conference with Vladimir Putin in Helsinki, Finland, President Trump stunned the world when he failed to publicly guarantee that the United States' sanctions regime against the Russian Federation would be maintained until Russia fully complies with their international obligations regarding Ukraine, UCCA objected, maintaining our position that the national security interests of the United States include the fulfillment of our country's public and binding security guarantees to Ukraine.

At his January 19, 2022, press conference about how he would hold Russia accountable for an invasion, President Biden responded by qualifying, "It's one thing if it's a minor incursion, and then we end up having a fight about what to do and not do, et cetera."

UCCA must again object to the United States grading Russia's repeated breaches of international law on a sliding scale. Since Russia's attack on Ukraine began in 2014, over 14,000 people have been killed, tens of thousands seriously wounded and over 1.5 million displaced. Moldovan, Georgian and Ukrainian sovereign land remains occupied by Putin's Russia, in blatant violation of the UN Charter and the Helsinki Final Act. ANY incursion by Russia should be met with severe and unflinching consequences.

The United States should take immediate steps in response to the Russian Federation illegally occupying Ukrainian territory, including enacting punishing sanctions, sending major military supplies to Ukraine, and offering a NATO Membership Action Plan (MAP) for Ukraine.

Following UCCA's fifth unanswered letter to President Biden on behalf of Ukrainian Americans, UCCA publicly requests a meeting with the White House to formally air our community's concerns. In light of Russia's amassing of unprecedented forces along the border with Ukraine, we ask President Biden to join our call to #StandWithUkraine.

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