



# UKRAINIAN NATIONAL INFORMATION SERVICE

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Dear Friends of Ukraine,

The world watched in dismay President Biden's remarks about "a minor incursion" during a press conference on Wednesday afternoon. In a response to a question posed by a correspondent about the Kremlin's continued aggression against Ukraine, President Biden stated: "It's one thing if it's a minor incursion, and then we end up having a fight about what to do and not to do."

Such remarks are not conducive to reinforcing a strong, united effort to assist Ukraine, or enhancing a dynamic strategic partnership between the United States and Ukraine. The Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS) urges you to contact the White House immediately to express your deep displeasure and discontent with the President's remarks.

Below please find "Quick Guide" infographics and a sample text in your outreach to the White House. Your immediate action is requested!

SAMPLE TEXT:

Dear President Biden:

I am deeply incensed by your remarks during Wednesday's press conference. Qualifying Russia's actions in Ukraine on a sliding scale of response by the United States and the West is irresponsible at best, dangerous at worst. Such comments could prove to strengthen the Kremlin's resolve for continued aggressive exploits against Ukraine, including further invasion into sovereign Ukrainian territory. ANY incursion by Russia against Ukraine must be met with severe and punishing consequences.

As a strategic partner of the United States, Ukraine deserves our full support for deterring Russian aggression, which includes imposing immediate punitive sanctions, providing a surge of military assistance, and expediting Ukraine's accession to NATO.

The United States provided commitments to Ukraine in 1994 with the signing of the Budapest Memorandum. Please uphold those obligations by suppressing the Kremlin's aggressive actions against Ukraine.


Sincerely,

To contact the White House, please call: (202) 456-1111 or visit the website at:

- <https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/>

Also, please find attached the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America's (UCCA) statement regarding the President's remarks.

**URGENT REQUEST!**



# #Support Ukraine

A few things you should know on how to contact the White House →

**WHAT YOU CAN DO?**

Make Your Voice Heard	Telephone or e-mail the White House
Advocate these issues	A "minor incursion" is an invasion; deter Russia now
Contact the White House	<a href="https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/">whitehouse.gov/contact/</a> phone: (202) 456-1111

**#SupportUkraine** ←

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