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Dear Friends of Ukraine,

russia's war of aggression against Ukraine continues to cause carnage and untold suffering. In 117 days of war, the kremlin aggressors have killed thousands of innocent civilians, injured thousands more, and have caused a humanitarian crisis the likes of which have not been seen in Europe since World War II. The world has watched in horror as the kremlin continues to launch daily missile and artillery attacks on Ukrainian civilian targets. These kremlin war tactics can be clearly classified as terrorist acts.

The United States government designates countries and international organizations as sponsors of terrorism. With the indiscriminate bombings that have resulted in the loss of untold numbers of innocent men, women, and children in Ukraine, it is apparent russia's actions can be classified as a 'state sponsor of terror'.

Later this week, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC) will mark-up S.Res.623, an initiative to designate russia as a State Sponsor of Terror. The Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS) urges you to contact your senators to support S.Res.623 and advocate for the designation of russia as a State Sponsor of Terror.

Currently, there are four countries listed as state sponsors of terror: Cuba, Syria, Iran, and North Korea. Your immediate action is requested and would impart greater sanctions and other measures against russia for its terrorist actions in Ukraine.

Furthermore, below please find an infographic and a sample text you may use to contact your senator.

Dear Senator (name):

For the past four months, russia's unprovoked war against Ukraine has caused immeasurable suffering and the loss of thousands of civilian lives. The kremlin's indiscriminate bombing throughout Ukraine of medical facilities, residential dwellings, and areas designated as shelters cannot be described in any other way than as terrorist acts.

Daily images of intense artillery shelling and missiles hitting cities and villages in Ukraine remind me of the devastation the world witnessed in Syria years ago. In both those instances, the kremlin was responsible for acts of barbarism and the deaths of thousands of innocent individuals. The russian government's use of violence and intimidation against innocents in Ukraine to achieve its political purposes can only be defined as international terrorism!

As an informed and concerned American citizen, I appeal to you to support S.Res.623, which would designate russia as a State Sponsor of Terror. russia must be recognized as a sponsor of terror and suffer the consequences of its actions.

I look forward to your support of this resolution.



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

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