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Dear Friends of Ukraine,

The world has been witness to russia's unrelenting full-scale war in Ukraine since February 24, 2022. The atrocities uncovered in Bucha and Irpin, the annihilation of the port city of Mariupol, and the latest manifestation of russian butchery with missile attacks on civilian targets in Kremenchuk and Vinnytsia can only be described as genocide – the mindful intent to kill all Ukrainians.

Recently, Reps. Steve Cohen (D-TN) and Joe Wilson (R-SC) introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives designating the actions in Ukraine as acts of genocide. russia's war of aggression against Ukraine continues to cause carnage and untold suffering. In nearly five month of war, the kremlin aggressors have killed thousands of innocent civilians and injured thousands more. H.Res.1205, Recognizing russian [sic] actions in Ukraine as a genocide, explicitly condemns the genocide of Ukrainians and "supports tribunals and international criminal investigations to hold Russian political leaders and military personnel to account for a war of aggression, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide."

The Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS), the Washington, DC public affairs bureau of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), urges you to contact your Representative to support H.Res.1205 and advocate for the recognition of the current war as a crime against humanity and genocide. Currently the resolution has the following additional co-sponsors:

Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) - Rep. Andy Harris, MD (R-MD) - Rep. Richard Hudson (R-NC) - Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-OH) - Rep. Mike Quigley (D-IL) - Rep. Marc Veasey (D-TX)

Below please find an infographic and a sample text you may use to contact your Representative.

Dear Representative (name):

The 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (the Genocide Convention) defines genocide as any act committed with the intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial or religious group. For the past five months, russia's unprovoked war against Ukraine and the kremlin's dehumanization of the Ukrainian nation is a classic example of genocide.

Recent images of deliberate artillery shelling and missiles that hit civilian targets in Ukraine prove that the russian government's use of violence and intimidation against innocents can only be defined as genocide!

As an informed and concerned American citizen, I appeal to you to co-sponsor H.Res.1205, which would recognize the war in Ukraine as an act of genocide perpetrated by the russian regime. Leaders in the kremlin and those responsible for the war must be held accountable for conducting genocide against the Ukrainian nation.

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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