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Dear Friends of Ukraine,

The latest shipments of grain from the port of Odesa highlight the importance of the security in the Black Sea region. With the kremlin wars waged in Georgia and Ukraine, the Black Sea region has seen a large build-up of russian naval forces.

To highlight attention to the importance of the Black Sea region, Sens. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Mitt Romney (R-UT) introduced S.4509 – the Black Sea Security Act of 2022. The bill seeks “to prevent the spread of further armed conflict in Europe by recognizing the Black Sea region as an arena of russian [sic] aggression.” Additional measures of the bill include:

- Military assistance to support logistics in the region;
- Support for food security through economic assistance to the region;
- Counter russian disinformation;
- Reduce dependency on russian energy through diversification;
- Foster greater regional cooperation;
- Increase U.S. trade and investment in the region;
- Transition from russian military equipment and promote NATO interoperability; and,
- Address China’s economic coercion in the region.

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 Senators to support S.4509 and advocate for greater support of the Black Sea region. Currently the Senate bill has the following co-sponsors:

- Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)
- Sen. Benjamin Cardin (D-MD)
- Sen. Chris Coons (D-DE)
- Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX)
- Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL)
- Sen. Angus King (I-ME)
- Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)
- Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH)
- Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC)
- Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS)

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

SAMPLE TEXT:

Dear Senator (name):

The world has been witness to the security dynamics in the Black Sea region since russia invaded both Georgia and Ukraine. Since the kremlin's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, it had prevented economic transit of grain from Ukrainian port cities, only recently agreeing to allow passage of the export.

The Black Sea is of strategic importance to the United States and its allies in the region. As an informed and concerned American citizen, I appeal to you to co-sponsor S.4509, which would ensure greater Black Sea initiatives with allied countries in the region through security and economic assistance, as well as with enhanced trade opportunities. The continued threat of russian aggression must be deterred to prevent future armed conflict in the region. This bill would address the strategic objectives to enhance security in the Black Sea region.

I look forward to your support of this very important initiative.

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

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S.4509

To provide for security in the Black Sea region, and for other purposes.

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