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## Dear Friends of Ukraine,

For seven months, the world has watched in horror as russia continues to launch daily missile and artillery attacks on Ukrainian civilian targets. Such indiscriminate russian bombings have resulted in the loss of untold thousands of innocent victims in Ukraine, while liberated areas of Ukraine have also uncovered mass graves of those killed or tortured. These kremlin war tactics can be clearly classified as terrorist acts.

Last week, Sens. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) and Lindsey Graham (R-SC) introduced S.4848, a bill to designate russia as a State Sponsor of Terrorism. Similarly, in the House of Representatives, Reps. Ted Lieu (D-CA) and Joe Wilson (R-SC) sponsored H.R.8568, which calls for russia to be designated as a State Sponsor of Terrorism.

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 elected officials to advocate for passage of the bills designating russia as a 'state sponsor of terrorism'.

There are currently four countries listed as state sponsors of terrorism: Cuba, Syria, Iran, and North Korea. Today's announcement by the kremlin leader to mobilize an additional 300,000 troops to Ukraine, as well as the intended sham referendums are sadistic measures that will only escalate the war in Ukraine. Thus, your immediate action is requested to advocate for russia as a State Sponsor of Terrorism.

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

## SAMPLE TEXT:

Dear Senator/Representative (last name):

For the past seven months, russia's unprovoked war against Ukraine has caused immeasurable suffering. Images from liberated cities, towns, and villages in Ukraine show the wanton destruction and devastation, not to mention the terror inflicted by the occupying forces. In all those instances, russia is responsible for acts of terrorism and barbarism that have led to the deaths of thousands of innocent individuals.

The russian government's use of violence and intimidation against innocents in Ukraine, nuclear blackmail, and the mobilization of more troops to Ukraine can only be defined as international terrorism!

As your constituent, I appeal to you to support and advocate vociferously for passage of [S.4848/H.R.8568] designating russia as a State Sponsor of Terrorism. The kremlin must be recognized as a sponsor of terror and suffer the consequences of its actions.



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

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