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Dear Friends of Ukraine,

The world has witnessed the sham referenda in russia-occupied territories of Ukraine. In interviews this past weekend, U.S. Administration officials have officially called the vote a sham referendum. Statements issued by NATO and the G-7 reflect the illegitimacy of the vote. “These lands are Ukraine,” NATO stated and “call on all states to reject russia's [sic] blatant attempts at territorial conquest.” Similarly, the G-7 condemned the “sham referenda...to create a phony pretext for changing the status of Ukrainian sovereign territory.”

The United States Senate has introduced a bill not to recognize any “annexed” Ukrainian territories to the russian federation. Sens. Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Senate Ukraine Caucus co-chair Richard Durbin (D-IL) have sponsored S.4937, a bill that prohibits the U.S. government's recognition of russia's “claim of sovereignty over any portion of the sovereign territory of Ukraine...”

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 request they co-sponsor the timely bill. There are currently 31 additional co-sponsors of the 'Non-Recognition of russian [sic] Annexation of Ukrainian Territory Act'.

S.4937 co-sponsors include: Sens. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Benjamin Cardin (D-MD), Robert Casey (D-PA), Susan Collins (R-ME), Chris Coons (D-DE), John Cornyn (R-TX), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Joni Ernst (R-IA), Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Lindsey Graham (R-SC), John Hickenlooper (D-CO), Tim Kaine (D-VA), Angus King (I-ME), Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Jim Manchin (D-WV), Edward Markey (D-MA), Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Patty Murray (D-WA), Alex Padilla (D-CA), Rob Portman (R-OH), Jack Reed (D-RI), Bernard Sanders (I-VT), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Raphael Warnock (D-GA), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), and Ron Wyden (D-OR).

Should you not find your senators on the list above, please contact them immediately through the Senate website www.senate.gov. Your immediate action is requested.

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



SAMPLE TEXT:

Dear Senator (last name):

Thank you for your continued support of all Ukraine-related initiatives in the United States Senate. As your constituent, I appeal to you to support and co-sponsor S.4937, the 'Non-Recognition of russian [sic] Annexation of Ukrainian Territory Act,' which would prohibit the United States from recognizing any "annexed" Ukrainian territories to the russian federation.

The recent sham referenda in Ukraine administered at the end of a gun barrel by occupying russian forces are illegal and a complete violation of all international laws. Much like the sham referendum and illegal "annexation" of the Crimean peninsula in 2014, the United States must not recognize the results of the vote or any attempts to forcibly annex occupied Ukrainian territories.

With the false referenda also come continued threats from putin about the use of nuclear weapons in Ukraine. It is clear that 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!

The kremlin's aggression must be stopped!

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

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