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December 21, 2022

Dear Friends of Ukraine,

As reported by all major new outlets, President Zelensky will make a surprise visit to Washington, DC today. His visit will be an opportunity to meet with President Biden, as well as to address Congress and thank the American people for their support of Ukraine. The latest information about the President's visit is available here:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/12/21/us/politics/zelensky-washington-biden-congress.html>

Prior to the Thanksgiving holiday, the White House announced a request to Congress for an additional \$37.7 billion in supplemental appropriations for Ukraine. Congress has increased President Biden's request for Ukraine to over \$45b in crucial security and economic assistance, the breakdown of which is as follows: \$9b in military aid; \$12b in replenishment of munitions; \$13b in economic support; and, \$9b in humanitarian support.

Congress is expected to vote upon a \$1.7 trillion governmental spending bill by the end of the week to avoid a government shutdown. The bill includes the \$45b supplemental request for Ukraine. The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) and its Washington, DC public affairs bureau – the Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS) – urge you to contact your elected officials immediately to express your support for the supplemental assistance to Ukraine.

To contact your Senators and Representative, respectively, please visit www.senate.gov and www.house.gov. Your communication with your elected officials will denote the importance and urgency of this additional security assistance to Ukraine.

OTHER NEWS FROM WASHINGTON:

In other news from Washington, DC, the White House has proposed a new initiative designating Russia as a "aggressor state," rather than the already existing designation of State Sponsor of Terrorism (SSoT). While Congress is currently reviewing the proposal, the initiative falls short of the compelling sanctions that would be enacted if Russia were designated as a State Sponsor of Terrorism. The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), the Joint Baltic American National Committee (JBANC), and Razom penned a joint statement expressing support for designating Russia as a State Sponsor of Terrorism:

<https://thehill.com/policy/international/3782940-congress-aims-to-label-russia-aggressor-state-instead-of-state-sponsor-of-terrorism/>

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

For immediate release

UCCA, Razom, and JBANC respond to Administration “Aggressor State” Proposal

Washington, D.C. — In response to the proposal by the Biden Administration to introduce legislation that would designate russia as an Aggressor State Responsible for a Campaign of Terror Against Civilians in Ukraine (ASRCTACU), the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, the Joint Baltic American National Committee, and Razom issued the following statement:

The Biden Administration’s newly proposed “Aggressor State” designation for russia is a damaging concept that undermines current congressional efforts to support Ukraine.

russia is engaged currently in a full-scale, ruthless war and genocide against Ukraine and its people. This new proposed designation would do nothing to change russian actions, to seize russian state assets, or to meaningfully hold russia’s government accountable, and simply relies on Executive Branch discretion to determine when russia’s aggression against Ukraine ends.

We, the undersigned, fear that this “Aggressor State” proposed designation sets the groundwork for easing sanctions and returning frozen assets to war criminals as part of premature negotiations with russia.

At a time of strong bipartisanship in Congress, shown through the consideration of multiple supportive pieces of legislation such as the NDAA, supplemental funding, and recognizing russian actions in Ukraine as genocide, this new designation both undercuts Congressional efforts to support Ukraine and is not in the national security interests of either Ukraine or the United States. While the US Government, Congress, and President Biden have done much to support Ukraine, the “Aggressor State” proposal is counterproductive and should not be adopted.

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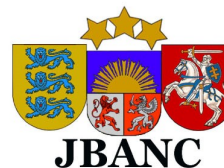
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