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Dear Friends of Ukraine,

REMINDER!

The month of August is upon us and Congress is currently on its traditional August recess. During this time, Senators and Representatives are back in their home states and districts. This provides a perfect opportunity to interact with your elected officials in a local setting.

The Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS), the Washington, DC public affairs bureau of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), urges you to participate in the August for Advocacy campaign to meet with your elected officials and advocate for their support and assistance for Ukraine. The August for Advocacy campaign is considered a "Ukrainian Days" advocacy event on a local level.

Please find below an infographic for the August for Advocacy campaign and sample social media posts. Also attached is an updated "Ukrainian Days" briefing papers on issues of immediate concern in Congress and a Meeting Tracker template. The briefing notes reflect last week's \$24b supplemental appropriations request for Ukraine by the Biden Administration. Additionally, please find attached a sample op-ed/'letter to the editor' that you can submit to your local newspapers and media outlets.

**JOIN IN THIS EFFORT THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF AUGUST AND
ADVOCATE FOR GREATER SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE!**

SAMPLE SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

- #UkrainianDays2023 brings advocacy to a local level: #AugustForAdvocacy.
- For over 500 days, Ukrainians have led the global fight for freedom and democracy – support Ukraine during the #AugustForAdvocacy campaign.
- The Ukrainian people have faced unimaginable devastation, shown incredible resilience, resisted an imperial invasion, and proven NATO worthiness in the past 18 months. #AugustForAdvocacy to support Ukraine!
- Advocate for U.S. national security interests in supporting Ukraine during the #AugustForAdvocacy event.
- Ukraine is fighting for the preservation of democracy worldwide. Support Ukraine to win the war against Russian aggression - #AugustForAdvocacy.

AUGUST FOR ADVOCACY

UKRAINE AT WAR!

UKRAINIAN DAYS
ON A LOCAL LEVEL
AUGUST 2023

#SupportUkraine

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AUGUST FOR ADVOCACY

Meeting Template Tracker

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO: unis@ucca.org

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:

Name:

E-mail:

“AUGUST FOR ADVOCACY” MEETING INFORMATION:

Date of meeting:

Name of Member of Congress; State/District:

Congressional staffer name and title:

Topics discussed (include specific legislation initiatives):

Did the Member/staffer ask for any follow up information? Please list any specific requests:



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Ukraine Still Needs Our Support

Draft Op-Ed

In February 2022, the world watched in horror as Russia launched a brutal full-scale invasion of Ukraine. In the days, weeks and months that followed, we were overcome with Ukraine's awe-inspiring resistance. In response, Americans worked together to assist the brave Ukrainian people, donating to support humanitarian efforts, welcoming refugees into our communities, and urging our government to provide Ukraine with as much assistance as possible.

A year and a half later, Russia continues its genocidal war against Ukraine with daily bombings of civilian and sacred targets, killing innocent men, women, and children across the country. Tens of thousands of children have been kidnapped and sent to Russia, and millions continue to live under Russian illegal occupation, knowing that they could be arbitrarily arrested, deported, or killed at any time.

Americans' outpouring of support for Ukraine was fueled not only by our empathy for a people suffering due to unprovoked aggression, but also our ire at the blatant violation of international norms. The war in Ukraine is a global struggle – it is a battle to protect freedoms, democratic principles, and for self-determination – all the values Americans hold dear.

That fight continues. By supporting Ukraine, we are protecting our allies around the world and exposing authoritarian leaders globally. Should our support for Ukraine diminish, the war will destabilize Europe for decades to come and send signals to other authoritarian states that aggressive posturing is without consequences. American assistance for Ukraine isn't just moral, it is vital for the protection of our national security interests.

Call your representative and your senators; tell them that continued assistance to Ukraine is more imperative now than ever before. Donate to humanitarian efforts. [space to promote your community's local events/initiatives].

In assisting Ukraine today, we defend democracy over tyranny!

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AUGUST
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Ukrainian Days 2023



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ABOUT UKRAINIAN DAYS...

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THE ISSUES

1 / GENOCIDE / WAR CRIMES

Recognize the war, the kidnapping of children in Ukraine, and the Holodomor as genocide

2 / SECURITY ASSISTANCE

Increase military assistance to Ukraine

3 / VICTORY FOR UKRAINE

Affirm U.S. support for a decisive victory

4 / TERRORISM

Designate the Wagner Group as terrorists

5 / RUSSIA SANCTIONS

Freeze/seize russian sovereign assets

YOUR VOICE LOCALLY

This endeavor is critically essential as the community advocates issues of immediate importance for Ukraine including continued defensive and humanitarian assistance. Our presence locally will reflect in a lasting cooperation with congressional offices, especially during this critical time in Ukraine's history!

There has been tremendous bipartisan support for Ukraine since the kremlin's unprovoked war of aggression was expanded in February 2022. Now, unlike ever before, we must sustain that support and build upon it.



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GENOCIDE IN UKRAINE

Article I of the Genocide Convention confirms “that genocide, whether committed in time of peace or in time of war, is a crime under international law...”



H.Res.105 - Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that...the Holodomor, is recognized as a genocide - condemns the systematic violations of human rights and “recognizes the findings of the Commission on the Ukraine Famine as submitted to Congress on April 22, 1988.”

H.Res.154 and S.Res.72 - 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 [sic] political leaders and military personnel to account...”



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SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR UKRAINE

ARMS

EQUIP UKRAINE WITH THE NECESSARY MILITARY HARDWARE AND ARMAMENTS TO HELP RESTORE ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY

\$24B

SUPPORT ROBUST FUNDING FOR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR UKRAINE

FY24

PROVIDE HIGHER LEVELS OF ASSISTANCE FOR UKRAINE IN THE FY24 APPROPRIATIONS AND AUTHORIZATION BILLS

It is in America's national security interest to have Ukraine emerge from this war as a resilient, sovereign, and democratic state in charge of its own foreign policy, militarily strong, with secured borders, and economically viable.

After nearly ten years of war, Ukraine's defenders will need a continued supply of American and NATO defensive weaponry, as well as economic and humanitarian assistance.



**RUSSIA
IS A
TERRORIST
STATE**



AN OVERVIEW

For 18 months, the world has watched in horror as Russia continues to launch unspeakable horror upon Ukrainian civilians, most recently with rocket attacks on civilian infrastructure. These Kremlin war tactics can be clearly classified as terrorist acts.

Currently, there are four countries listed as state sponsors of terror: Cuba, Syria, Iran, and North Korea. The Secretary of State determines countries that "have repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism are designated...under these authorities include restrictions on U.S. foreign assistance; a ban on defense exports and sales; certain controls over exports of dual use items; and miscellaneous financial and other restrictions."

H.R.3979 - To provide for the designation of the Russian Federation [sic] as a state sponsor of terrorism

"The United States has a range of tools available to hold the Russian Federation [sic] accountable, reduce its war machine, and isolate it economically and diplomatically, including by designating it as a state sponsor of terrorism and imposing corresponding sanctions."

H.R.506 & S.416 - Holding Accountable Russian [sic] Mercenaries (HARM) Act

"To designate the Russian-based [sic] mercenary Wagner Group as a foreign terrorist organization, and for other purposes...The Wagner Group and its affiliated entities have committed, or are credibly accused of committing, terrorist activity through their involvement in: (A) the massacres, rape, and torture of civilians in Bucha, Ukraine, in March 2022."

TERRORISM



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WAR CRIMES, GENOCIDE & CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY

RUSSIA WAR CRIMES

The term WAR CRIMES is defined as an action carried out during the conduct of a war that violates accepted international rules of war. Source: Oxford Dictionaries

KIDNAPPING/ILLEGAL ABDUCTION OF UKRAINIAN CHILDREN

H.CON.RES. 29 and S.Res.128...Condemning the russian federation's [sic] kidnapping of Ukrainian children.

S.RES.158...A resolution condemning the deportation of children from Ukraine to the russian federation [sic] and the forcible transfer of children within territories of Ukraine that are temporarily occupied by russian [sic] forces.

H.RES. 149...Declares that the facilitation of illegal adoptions is contrary to russia's [sic] obligations under the Genocide Convention and amounts to genocide.

CREATION OF SPECIAL OR INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR RUSSIA WAR CRIMES

H.RES.81...Calling on the President to support the creation of a Special Tribunal for the Punishment of the Crime of Aggression against Ukraine.

S.RES.227...A resolution that "would not limit or affect the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court, including its exercise of jurisdiction over war crimes, crimes against humanity, and possible genocide committed in the context of russia's [sic] ongoing aggression against Ukraine."



UKRAINE'S VICTORY & TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY

H.RES.332 & S.RES.172 - EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS ON UKRAINIAN VICTORY

H.RES.332 and S.RES.172...affirms that it is the policy of the United States to see Ukraine victorious against the invasion and restored to its internationally recognized 1991 borders; holds that the peace brought by Ukrainian victory must be secured by integrating Ukraine into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and other Euroatlantic institutions

H.R. 294 - NON-RECOGNITION OF RUSSIAN ANNEXATION OF UKRAINIAN TERRITORY ACT

H.R. 294...It is the policy of the United States not to recognize the russian federation's [sic] claim of sovereignty over any portion of the internationally recognized territory of Ukraine.



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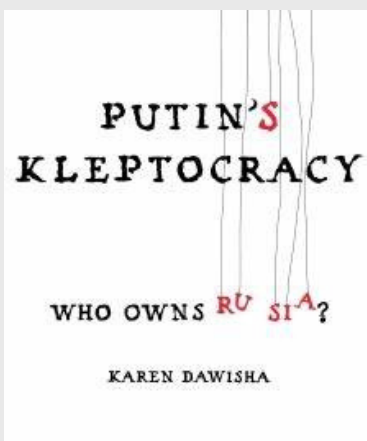
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RUSSIA SANCTIONS REGIME

REBUILDING ECONOMIC AND PROSPERITY OPPORTUNITY (REPO) FOR UKRAINIANS ACT

- **H.R.4175 and S.2003** authorizes the Secretary of State to provide additional assistance to Ukraine using assets confiscated from the Central Bank of the Russian Federation [sic] and other sovereign assets of the Russian Federation [sic]; and,
- The extreme illegal actions taken by the Russian Federation [sic], including an act of aggression, present a unique situation, requiring and justifying the establishment of a legal authority to compensate victims of aggression by the Russian Federation [sic] in Ukraine.



FROZEN ASSETS OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF RUSSIA

- **H.R.1254** directs the President to obtain agreements with other countries that have frozen Russian [sic] Central Bank assets.
- Frozen assets would be used for the recovery and reconstruction of Ukraine.



RUSSIA'S DEPLOYMENT OF TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS

H.Res.562 and S.Res.268
responds "to the threat posed by
the russian federation's {sic}
deployment of tactical nuclear
weapons...as an increased threat to
not only Ukraine but also our
NATO allies and United States
troops."

"...views...the destruction of a nuclear facility, dispersing radioactive contaminants into NATO territory...as an attack on NATO requiring an immediate response, including the implementation of article V..."



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