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Dear Friends of Ukraine,

The kremlin's unjustified and unprovoked war of aggression in Ukraine since 2014 is not just being waged by the russian military, but also by its mercenary units, in particular the Wagner Group. The Wagner Group's brutal activities in Ukraine and in other countries throughout the world have been documented and subsequently the United States government has labeled the mercenary group as a Transnational Criminal Organization (TCO).

As a reminder, the United States Senate and House of Representatives have introduced bills earlier this year to designate the Wagner Group as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO). The bills' findings include the following: "The activities of the Wagner Group and affiliated entities of russian [sic] national Yevgeniy Prigozhin pose a threat to the national interests and national security of the United States and allies and partners of the United States."

UPDATE: The bill was approved in July 2023 in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and it was reported to the full Senate for a vote. Similar actions within the House of Representatives have not been as successful.

Recently, the United Kingdom – a close ally of the United States and Ukraine – began procedures to formally declare the Wagner Group as a banned terrorist organization. Below please find an article about the procedures within the United Kingdom. Other countries have also recognized the Wagner Group as a foreign terrorist organization.

<https://apnews.com/article/uk-bans-wagner-group-terrorism-act-92796ed4103ed481baec885b8b41db99>

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 and Representatives to support S.416 and H.R.506, respectively, and advocate for the designation of the Wagner Group as a Foreign Terrorist Organization.

Currently the Senate bill (S.416) has the following co-sponsors:

Sen. Roger Wicker (R-MS) - sponsor	Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN)
Sen. Benjamin Cardin (D-MD)	Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-NM)
Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)	Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL)
Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC)	Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ)
Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)	Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA)
Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC)	Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV)
Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)	Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL)
Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL)	Sen. Todd Young (R-IN)
	Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA)

Currently the House bill (H.R.506) has the following co-sponsors:

Rep. Steve Cohen (D-TN) - sponsor	Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D-TX)
Rep. Joe Wilson (R-SC)	Rep. Marilyn Strickland (D-WA)
Rep. Mark Veasey (D-TX)	Rep. Dwight Evans (D-PA)
Rep. Richard Hudson (R-NC)	Rep. Jake Auchincloss (D-MA)
Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA)	Rep. Ashley Hinson (R-IA)
Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)	Rep. Suzan DelBene (D-WA)
Rep. Ruben Gallego (D-AZ)	Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC)
Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL)	Rep. Dina Titus (D-NV)
Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-OH)	Rep. Don Bacon (R-NE)
Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA)	Rep. Daniel Goldman (D-NY)
Rep. Pat Fallon (R-TX)	Rep. Bradley Schneider (D-IL)
Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL)	Rep. Sylvia Garcia (D-TX)
Rep. Dean Phillips (D-MN)	Rep. John James (R-MI)
Rep. Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ)	Rep. Earl Carter (R-GA)
Rep. Jared Moskowitz (D-FL)	Rep. Gregory Steube (R-FL)
Rep. Michael Lawler (D-NY)	Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-IN)
Rep. Mike Quigley (D-IL)	Rep. Max Miller (R-OH)
Rep. Jill Tokuda (D-HI)	
Rep. Melanie Ann Stansbury (D-NM)	
Rep. William Keating (D-MA)	
Rep. Marie Perez (D-WA)	
Rep. Brandan Boyle (D-PA)	

Below please find an infographic to use for your social media posts. Please contact your elected officials promptly.

As the U.S. House of Representatives returns in session next week, additional information regarding the supplemental appropriations request for Ukraine will be provided promptly. Your attention to these critical matters is vitally important in advancing Ukraine-related issues in the U.S. Congress.



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

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