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Dear Friends of Ukraine,

SAVE THE DATE - "Ukrainian Week" in February 2024

The first #SupportUkraine! "Ukrainian Week" advocacy fete for 2024 will be held during Presidents' Week from February 20-23, 2024 in local congressional districts and states throughout the country.

Sponsored by the Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS), the Washington, DC public affairs bureau of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), this advocacy event remains a very important endeavor for the Ukrainian American community as we prepare for the second anniversary of russia's brutal war of aggression against Ukraine. The in-district and instate weeklong event will be crucial for advocating for continued support needed for Ukraine to defend its territory against invading russian forces.

The weeklong advocacy event from February 20-23, 2024 will be used as an opportunity to meet in-person with your Representative and Senators in their local district and state offices, respectively. The goal is to acquaint them with our concerns for increased security assistance for Ukraine; expanding sanctions against russia; designation of russia as a State Sponsor of Terrorism; support for humanitarian programs to aid Ukrainians afflicted by the war; and, other important issues related to the war of russian aggression in Ukraine.

As in previous advocacy events, a virtual briefing will be held prior to the weeklong event and briefing notes will be distributed to all Ukrainian Week participants. For further information and to register for the event, please contact UkraineDaysDC2024@gmail.com

Join in the February 2024 Ukrainian Week endeavor. Advance our community's concerns and meet your elected officials!

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON:

In other news from Washington, DC, yesterday – January 24, 2024 – was the 700th day of russia's war against Ukraine. Symbolically, on that day, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved the "Rebuilding Economic Prosperity and Opportunity" for Ukrainians Act (REPO). The bill enables the confiscation and repurposing of russian sovereign assets "recognizing the need for the establishment of an international mechanism for reparation for damage, loss, or injury caused by the Russian Federation [sic] in Ukraine." The House Foreign Affairs Committee passed an analogous bill in November 2023.

The link below describes the highlights of the passage of the bill in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee:

https://thehill.com/policy/international/4426738-seize-russian-assets-ukraine-senate/



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