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FROM UCCA'S PRESIDENT

During these perilous times when Ukraine continues to defend its independence and territorial integrity against Russian aggression, UCCA continues to rally to Ukraine's defense.

From being a vigilant proponent of Ukraine's development and understating that elections are crucial to strengthening democracy, UCCA once again took an active part in monitoring both the Presidential and Parliamentary elections by hosting 3 delegations of International Election Observers, who play a critical role in enhancing the transparency of the election process. To advocating continued bipartisan support for Ukraine - UCCA is playing a leading role in strengthening the strategic partnership between the United States and Ukraine.

On the eve of our 80th year of service to the Ukrainian American community, UCCA continues to remain the vanguard umbrella organization representing the interests of our community and supporting a free and democratic Ukraine. As we approach this milestone anniversary, I urge you to join us in October for the UCCA's XXIII Congress of Ukrainians in America. Let's make our collective voices heard! Our united efforts are needed now more than ever!

Andriy Futey, President
Ukrainian Congress Committee of America

THE YEAR IN REVIEW...

With Moscow's illegal occupation of Crimea in 2014, continued aggression in Eastern Ukraine, and the rapid rise of Russia as a regional aggressor, Europe/Eurasia has re-emerged as a major focal point for global confrontation. The redrawing of borders by military force and the continued stoking of nationalism, irredentism, and revanchism could well erupt into even larger-scale violence than we already see in Ukraine. The post-World War II order has already been eroded, and could be dismantled entirely, unless these trends are effectively countered.

For eight decades, the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), has strived to increase the importance and role of the Ukrainian American community in the United States, and represented our community's desire to aid the people of Ukraine, by educating and disseminating information about Ukraine and its people.

To this end, UCCA continues its work to assist the Ukrainian nation in its struggle to secure its independence and regain its territorial integrity, while actively representing and engaging our community - through various efforts and programs outlined in UCCA's 2019 Annual Report. On the pages that follow, you will read about many initiatives and positive results from the work UCCA conducted in 2019. None of these achievements would have been possible without our dedicated staff and membership and the generous support from our Ukrainian financial institutions and community.

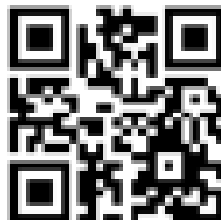
We invite you to be a part of our UCCA family!

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Believing that voters play a central role in shaping their government and in turn their very future, UCCA once played an active role in monitoring Ukraine's presidential and parliamentary election in 2019 by hosting three delegations of **International Election Observers**. UCCA observer missions and our civic education programs strive to promote a civil, open and pluralistic society, because we believe societies function best when citizens take responsibility for their own civic and economic future. Due to this conviction, it is safe to say that UCCA continues to play an instrumental role in Ukraine's steady transition to a democratic state.

UCCA's international Election Observer Missions (EOM), which observed elections in every region of Ukraine, as well as at the diplomatic posts in the United States, affirmed that the following elections met international standards for free and fair elections that accurately reflected the will of the electorate:

March 31, 2019

Presidential Elections

April 21, 2019

Presidential Run-Off Elections

July 21, 2019

Parliamentary Elections



ADVOCATING COMMUNITY INTERESTS...

Building consensus within the U.S. Congress and policy makers in their support for Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity is a top priority for UCCA. In 2019, **UCCA was successful in advocating for legislation** - ranging from acknowledging the Holodomor as Genocide against the Ukrainian Nation to increasing sanctions against the Russian Federation for its continued aggression against Ukraine - **because we understand that our achievements lie in the strength of our community grassroots efforts.**

ACTION ITEM 

CONTACT YOUR SENATOR!

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC) will review several bills important to U.S.-Ukraine relations.

Please contact your senator and request their support for the following bills:

S.482 - DEFENDING AMERICAN SECURITY FROM KREMLIN AGGRESSION ACT

 A bill that responds to new threats and challenges presented by the Government of the Russian Federation.

Sponsors: Sen. Robert Menendez (D-NJ); Sen. Cory Gardner (R-CO); Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD); Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)

S.1189 - STOPPING MALIGN ACTIVITIES FROM RUSSIAN TERRORISM ACT

 A bill to... of State to... Russian Federation... as a state sponsor of terrorism...

Passed SFRC

Sponsors: Sen. Cory Gardner (R-CO); Sen. Robert Menendez (D-NJ)

S.704 - EUROPEAN ENERGY SECURITY AND DIVERSIFICATION ACT

 To prioritize the efforts... and enhance coordination among... agencies to encourage... and Eastern... energy sources... supply routes...

Passed SFRC

Sponsors: Sen. Chris Murphy (D-CT); Sen. Ron Johnson (R-WI); Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD); Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL); Sen. Cory Gardner (R-CO)

 **WHAT TO DO...**

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 [Write your senator](#)

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SPREADING THE TRUTH ABOUT UKRAINE...

Promoting honest discussion about Ukraine is an important task for UCCA and at the forefront of our work. By utilizing a variety of mediums - seminars, conferences, forums, live-streaming events/videos, interviews - UCCA is helping to **advance issues and foster solutions** to current issues and historical themes. Over the past year, UCCA organized and co-hosted half a dozen events in an effort to shed light on the truth about Ukraine and her people.

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA)
cordially invites you
to a
Briefing Session
in observance of the
**5th Anniversary of the
"Revolution of Dignity"**




Remarks by:
George Kent, DAS for European Affairs – State Dep't
Carl Gershman – NED
H.E. Valeriy Chaly – Ukraine's Ambassador to U.S.
Members of Congress

where:
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when:
Friday, February 8, 2019
11:00 am – 2:00 pm
r.s.v.p.
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**Celebrating
125 Years**

**of the Organized
Ukrainian American
Community**

COMBATING DISINFORMATION ABOUT UKRAINE

**UKRAINE
America's Ally**

Anti-Corruption Legislation Passed Since 2013 Has Improved Intl. Ranking by 20%
Source: Corruption Perceptions Index

Europe's Largest Combat-Tested Standing Army
has actively contributed to all NATO-led operations and missions for over 20 years.

5 successive national elections in the past 5 years, all observed to be "free and fair"

3rd Voluntarily disarmed the world's largest nuclear arsenal

2008 U.S.-Ukraine Charter on Strategic Partnership affirms a shared belief that democracy is the chief guarantor of security, prosperity and freedom, and Defense cooperation between the United States and Ukraine is **of benefit to both nations**

2014 Ukraine Freedom Support Act declared that the United States will "assist the government of Ukraine in restoring its sovereignty and territorial integrity in order to deter the government of the Russian Federation from further destabilizing and invading Ukraine."

**Putin's Russia
Our Common Enemy**

as a result of Russia's invasion of Ukraine:
13,000+ killed **30,000+ wounded** **2,000,000+ displaced**

The Russian Invasion of Ukraine in 2014 was **the first forced annexation in Europe since the World War II**

Between 2014-2017 the Russian government "directed extensive activity against U.S. election infrastructure at the state and local level," including probing U.S. electoral infrastructure in 21 states



**Help us
correct the
public record**

The current govt in Ukraine is there as a result of Soros/State Department/ CIA collusion to remove the elected president.

Call your Reps & ask for a hearing on Ukraine election interference

Ukraine has gone to great lengths to take down the President we elected and ruin the USA. Ukraine's government is as much a threat as ANYONE.

Ukraine's government is and has been corrupt. Crimea wanted its independence, don't trust Ukraine



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019

NATIONAL PRESS CLUB
529 14TH STREET, NW — 13TH FLOOR
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20045



8:30 am - 9:00 am - Registration

9:00 am

9:00 am - 9:30 am - Words of Welcome

Featured Speakers: U.S. Volker Chair, Ambassador to Ukraine, to the U.S. State, Congressman Brendan Byrne (NJ-5), Congressman Brian Rappaport (TX-7)

Ukrainian Historical Encounters Series

A Special Event

'Sobornist'



Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the 'Great Re Unification' of Ukrainian Lands

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UKRAINE'S QUEST for MATURE NATION STATEHOOD

ROUNDTABLE XX

DIVINING THE ABIDING PRIORITIES FOR UKRAINE'S NATIONAL SECURITY DOCTRINE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2019

1777 F STREET, NW
WASHINGTON, D.C.

8:25 am - 9:00 am - Registration

9:00 am - 9:35 am - Morning Highlight Focus Session

Theme: What Ukraine Needs to Properly Defend Itself - A View from the US Government

Chair: Herman Frieder (American Foreign Policy Council)

Featured Speaker: Andrii Bohdan (Deputy Minister of Defense of Ukraine)

9:35 am

9:35 am - 10:50 am - Roundtable Discussion I

Theme: Military Security Matters

Discussion Leader: Markon Bulger (JFK School/Harvard University)



COMMUNICATING TO ACHIEVE RESULTS...

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REMEMBERING OUR PAST...

Marking the solemn anniversary of the Holodomor remains an essential component to educating our youth and raising awareness of Ukraine's Genocide of 1932-1933.

In addition to UCCA's-sponsored annual requiem service at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City to commemorate the innocent victims of this genocide, our community takes every opportunity to expose the truth about this horrific crime against the Ukrainian nation.



UCCA was blessed in 2019 with the visits of Ukraine's religious leaders - Metropolitan of Kyiv and All Ukraine Epifaniy, the primate of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine, and His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church - to the National Ukrainian Holodomor Memorial in our nation's capital. With their visits, the community recommits itself to shed light on the true nature of the Holodomor.



NURTURING OUR RELATIONS...

Spending countless hours promoting the concerns of Ukraine and the Ukrainian American community. To achieve meaningful results, UCCA places great emphasis on **connecting and expanding our coalition of partners** - be it with our natural allies in the Ukrainian World Congress, the Central and East European Coalition, and various think tanks to forging new relationships with diverse ethnic communities.



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ПІДТРИМУЄ ЗАКОН УКРАЇНИ:
ПРО ДЕРЖАВНЕ ВИЗНАННЯ І ПІДТРИМКУ
ПЛАСТУ -
НАЦІОНАЛЬНОЇ СКАУТСЬКОЇ
ОРГАНІЗАЦІЇ УКРАЇНИ



PROMOTING UKRAINE...

Bringing regular analysis of the Ukrainian nation's struggle through analytical articles in its venerable publication *The Ukrainian Quarterly*. By securing a new Editor in Chief, UCCA is committed to continue the publication of the only English-language journal dedicated to Ukraine. Since 1944, the goal of the UQ has been to inform the world of the true state of Ukrainian affairs - and given Russia's continued propaganda, the justification for publishing this journal holds true to this day - 75 years since the first issue hit the stands.

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IN THIS ISSUE:

Ukraine Elects Political Newcomer as President:

- What will It mean for the Country and World;
- How will Russia React?
- Russian 'Fake News' throughout Elections
- UCCA Civic Education in Ukraine

Orthodox Church of Ukraine Attains
Autocephaly — Tomos: Liberation

Decommunization of Healthcare in Ukraine;
Will New Administration and People Accept it?

Relevant Documents about Ukraine
From United Nations and Washington, DC

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Over the course of 2019, UCCA staff and elected officers have been featured in over 100 television and print interviews in Ukraine and the United States. Remember to contact UCCA when you'd like to recommend a Ukrainian voice for your local news outlet.

UCCA would like to thank Professor Leonid Rudnytsky for his many years of dedicated service, and to welcome Ihor Dlaboha, The UQ's new Editor-in-Chief.

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UNITY

Uniting our community has always been our mantra- for speaking with one voice fosters greater understanding of and stronger advocacy for Ukraine, especially during these critical times for our homeland. Unity is central to UCCA's mission. In 2019, we were grateful to welcome such prominent organizations as the Ukrainian American Bar Association (UABA) and Manor College into the UCCA family.



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