



Background

Russia's leaders seek to re-establish control over countries that spent centuries resisting colonialism.

- Russia's assault on Ukraine is a flagrant disregard of international agreements and norms.
- Ukrainians' bravery in defending their homeland has inspired the global community.
- Instability in Ukraine genuinely threatens world peace at a time of global food insecurity. For example, more than 40% of Israel's and Libya's wheat comes from Ukraine.
- The U.S. and other countries **insisted Ukraine give up its nuclear arsenal in 1994, in exchange for security assurances.** Ukraine's fate may hamper other denuclearization efforts.
- Russia continues to **oppress the indigenous Muslim population** of Crimea, the Tatars. Catholics, Protestants, and Ukrainian Orthodox cannot freely practice their faith in Russian-occupied Donbas.

Recommendations

1.

We urge the federal government to enact severe sanctions **now.**

- Sanctions against Kremlin leaders **personally**, including Vladimir Putin; freeze the assets of Russian oligarchs. No more villas in Miami and London for oligarchs.
- We must **end, not just limit, Russian money laundering in the West.**
- To be most effective, sanctions should be carefully targeted and pre-announced.

2.

We urge the U.S. to continue providing defense security assistance, specifically

- **Anti-tank, anti-ship systems, thermal and night vision systems, encrypted radios, and satellite communications equipment** – these continue to be effective and needed. Ukraine needs **mid- and high-altitude air defense systems** to protect against Russian bombers and missiles that target civilian areas.
- Expanded programming to counteract **Russian disinformation** by investing in free press and Ukrainian civil society
- Programs to counteract **cyber attacks and electronic warfare**
- Support the transfer by NATO allies of **Soviet-made MiG-29 aircraft to Ukraine**
- 74% of Americans support a **NATO no-fly zone** in Ukraine

3.

Continue respecting the self-determination of nations the Kremlin seeks to oppress:

- **Support every nation's sovereignty in the NATO alliance**, acknowledging the popular support for NATO in former Eastern Bloc countries.
- Continue emphasizing "**Nothing about Ukraine without Ukraine**" – Ukraine must be represented at negotiations over Eastern European security. Emphasize Russia's violation of the **Helsinki Final Act, the UN Charter, and the Budapest Memorandum**

Thank you!

We are grateful for U.S. support to Ukraine, including—

- A consistent bipartisan Congressional dedication to Ukraine's sovereignty
- Congress's and the Administration's commitments that Russian aggression be extremely costly

Our Community

46,000 Michigan residents are of Ukrainian ancestry. Our community is centered around seven Ukrainian churches, two credit unions, the Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic grade and middle schools, two Saturday language schools, the Ukrainian American Archives and Museum of Detroit, Ukrainian Cultural Center, Ukrainian Village, Ukrainian National Women's League, and many civic organizations and businesses. You can reach us at UACrisisResponse@gmail.com.