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Illinois Division**

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The Honorable Senator Dick Durbin
230 South Dearborn Street
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Dear Senator Durbin:

On behalf of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America Illinois Division, we express our sincere appreciation for your speech at the United States Senate, reporting what you witnessed and learned during your last visit to Ukraine.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hiUwWnHWotE>. We have shared this link on social media and throughout the Ukrainian-American community.

Your strong condemnation of the Russian aggression in Ukraine and Russian provocations in Lithuania and Poland reflects the stark reality of the situation on the ground. We fully support your call for more sanctions against Russia, and more humanitarian, economic, and military aid to Ukraine. We are encouraged by your statements to bolster NATO's presence in the region.

The situation is critical and time is of the essence. Senator Durbin, thank you for being a true friend of Ukraine, and for supporting the young generation of Ukrainians who are dedicated to democratic reforms and to defending their country.

We will continue to work in our communities to advocate for a free and democratic Ukraine, and for the support that Ukraine needs. Your understanding and support of the Ukrainian-American community and freedom in Ukraine is a clear statement of what America stands for.

We will continue to support your leadership in Congress in calling for Russia's withdrawal of troops, for lethal defensive military aid, and for economic assistance.

Respectfully,

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