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The Honorable Richard J. Durbin
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Thank you for your support of and advocacy on behalf of Ukraine

Dear Senator Durbin,

Secretary Antony Blinken's remarks in Kyiv were spot on, especially about Russia's military aggression and occupation of Crimea and in the Donbas region of Ukraine, including massive human rights violations against the Crimean Tartars and local populations. Equally important were his remarks concerning how Russia is exploiting systemic corruption to advance its subversive and seditious objectives.

We look forward to your and the Biden administration's continued focus and support for the unfettered restoration of Ukraine's territorial integrity and sovereignty. In this regard, we seek reinvigorated efforts to fight Russia's campaign to destabilize Ukraine from within. America's leadership is also greatly needed in keeping its allies united, maintaining and increasing sanctions against Russia and resisting Russian efforts to divide Ukraine's strategic partners, including on canceling North Stream II.

In all of this, we appreciate your communications to the White House, Department of State, Department of Defense and other relevant agencies of the administration concerning issues important to the United States and our community. We also appreciate your advocacy at hearings and among your colleagues and committee staff in Congress.

We look forward to the further strengthening of US/Ukraine relations and share your encouraging efforts for a meeting between Presidents Biden and Zelensky. Perhaps it can take place in the timeframe of the G7 meeting later this year.

We are proud to have a champion of US/Ukraine relations representing our Ukrainian American community in Congress.

Sincerely,

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