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Dear Mr. Van de Put,

Once again, we write to you on behalf of the [Ukrainian Congress Committee of America - Illinois Division](#) as deeply dissatisfied neighbors and Ukrainian Americans.

Your company's cut-and-paste response dated September 29, 2023, failed to address our request for dialogue or any of the critical issues related to the life-and-death struggle of our Ukrainian family members and friends. Unlike other government, civic, and business leaders in Chicago and across Illinois, Mondelēz has clearly chosen to turn its back on us.

At the same time, Mondelēz continues to embrace the Russian market and indirectly support the Russian war effort. Your company boasts of its \$15 million commitment to support Ukraine, Ukrainian citizens, and refugees with cash and in-kind contributions. Yet you fail to account for your [business boom in Russia](#) that reaped a sales surge in excess of \$1 billion and contributed more than \$61 million in taxes to the Kremlin -- four times the total of your "charitable" contributions to Ukraine.

Today, Mondelez celebrates its 5th annual Purpose Day – encouraging employees to pause, reflect, and refocus on their roles in advancing the company's Purpose. It is clear from your choice to squeeze every penny out of the Russian market that profit is your only Purpose, no matter the costs.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has challenged Congress to ["take the lead"](#) in stopping sponsors of war like Mondelez.

If you have companies in your districts who finance the Russian military machine leaving business in Russia, you should put pressure. I'm asking to make sure that the Russians do not receive a single penny that they use to destroy people in Ukraine, the destruction of our country, the destruction of Europe.

So let us be clear: We will work with our congressional leaders and a growing coalition of civil society partners to stop companies like yours from directly or indirectly supporting Putin's genocidal war aims with the goal of ensuring not one penny reaches the Russian war machine. We will not sit by and watch Mondelēz reap profits from hocking "healthy snacks" like Sour Patch Kids in Russia while Ukrainian children die from tax-funded Russian weapons.

We call on you to make the right choice. Stand with the Ukrainian people and join the hundreds of companies that have halted the production and sale of products in or with Russia. Anything less shows your real purpose is profit.

Sincerely,

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