



September 5, 2023

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

RE: Ending Putin's Forever War against Ukraine

Dear Mr. President:

We are sincerely grateful for the leadership you have shown since Putin's forces invaded the sovereign country of Ukraine over 18 months ago. Thanks to the United States example of providing military, financial, and humanitarian support, Europe has united as never before against Russian aggression, and NATO's defensive alliance has enlarged in number and strengthened in force.

Confronted by an enemy committed to a forever war, the Ukrainians continue their valiant resistance to this brutal occupation. However, as the going gets tougher for Ukraine, some American legislators are expressing impatience and encouraging abandonment of resolve. Some European diplomats suggest that Ukraine give up Russian-occupied territory in return for joining NATO to protect what's left.

This is the point at which the U.S. must state unequivocally that it supports a Ukrainian victory with no strings attached, i.e., no concessions to the desires of the criminal invader.

- Without a clear Ukrainian victory, there will be no durable peace.
- Without a clear Ukrainian victory, there will be no power at a negotiating table.
- The U.S. must reveal its strategic vision for a Europe that includes Ukraine, and a Russia that is held accountable for the damage it inflicted and the atrocities it perpetrated upon Ukraine.

We are concerned about a vocal minority in Congress urging members to speak out against further support for Ukraine. That's why we are in deep appreciation of the bipartisan voices speaking in support of Ukraine. One example is Representative Don Bacon of Nebraska, who wants to give Kyiv more military aid with a guarantee that advanced weapons like the long-range Army Tactical Missile System will make it to the battlefield. Without that assurance, he sees no point in further depleting U.S. stocks and spending more money to keep Ukraine at a fighting stalemate with Russia. "Why keep giving Ukraine weapons that don't help them win the war?" the House Armed Services Committee member said during an interview. "I don't want to give more for a gridlock."

The most humane way out of this bloody gridlock into a lasting peace in Europe is for the United States to express its strategic vision in strong, clear language and in unprecedented strong military assistance.

A Ukrainian victory is of existential importance not only for Ukraine, but for the democratic world order as we know it.

Respectfully,
The Central & East European Coalition (CEEC)

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