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Dear Mr. President,

We write with profound gratitude for your unwavering commitment to vital humanitarian, economic, and military aid for Ukraine. Since the start of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, your Administration's efforts have ensured that the Ukrainian people are able to continue defending their homeland in pursuit of a prosperous, independent, and European future.

The fact of the matter is, however, that if Ukraine remains without a clear path to NATO membership, such a future remains out of reach. Events concerning the Wagner Group over the last several days have created a new level of uncertainty and instability. Thus, at the upcoming NATO Summit in Vilnius, it is imperative that the United States demonstrates leadership for a formal roadmap for Ukrainian membership.

Should the Vilnius Summit produce an official procedure for Ukrainian accession to the Alliance, NATO will send the Kremlin a clear signal of Western unity, provide a critical morale boost for Ukrainians, and fulfill its promise to a nation laying down lives for the very values NATO was formed to protect.

Alternatively, if the Summit fails to ensure a clear pathway for Ukrainian membership, NATO risks giving the Kremlin a green light to push forward with its campaign of aggression, as befell Georgia following the Bucharest Summit of 2008. Given recent developments in Russia, it is more apparent than ever that Ukrainian NATO membership would enhance the security and stability of the region.

On behalf of millions of Americans of Central and Eastern European descent, we strongly urge you to support a clear pathway to Ukrainian NATO membership in Vilnius.

With the Summit approaching next month, we respectfully request to meet with you and your Administration in the coming weeks to discuss our interests in collective security and peace in the region. If you would like to follow up, please email us at ceecoalition@gmail.com.

Sincerely,



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