



The President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington DC 20500

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RE: Patriot Missile Air Defense Systems to Ukraine

Dear Mr. President:

The Central and East European Coalition (CEEC) would like to wish you and your family a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year. May this year bring you a successful next chapter in your administration. And may the United States deliver Patriot missile systems to Ukraine as soon as possible.

As the United States enters another new year, Ukraine is approaching its third year of Putin's renewed destructive war. In the very first days of 2024, from Kyiv to Odesa, Ukraine has endured Russia's worst air attack with scores of civilian casualties. Civilians remain vulnerable to these barbaric assaults, which will only worsen without significantly increased air defenses.

According to U.S. intelligence, the Russian military has started using missiles supplied by North Korea to target civilian locations and energy hubs in Ukraine. It is unconscionable that there are Members of Congress who naively choose to ignore Russia's genocidal policies and violations of international law, even during this latest barrage of murderous attacks on apartment buildings, hospitals, and schools.

We are encouraged that our NATO allies, EU partners, and other proactive governments are helping Ukraine bolster its capabilities by providing additional air defenses. On January 3, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg announced plans for a joint purchase of at least 1,000 Patriot missile defense systems by NATO nations - which would free up current air defense systems to be sent to Ukraine immediately. Successful joint industry coordination between European arms manufacturers and U.S. companies should assist in the manufacturing and distribution of these critical surface-to-air missile systems to Ukraine in the mid-term.

As these systems are critical for defense against hostile forces, we urge you to supply the Patriot missile defense systems and other long-range missile systems to Ukraine. Threats are expanding globally, and we must remain firmly vigilant to preserve and strengthen transnational security.

The CEEC looks forward to a productive year and dynamic dialogue with you. We can be reached by contacting Karl Altai at [ceecoalition@gmail.com](mailto:ceecoalition@gmail.com).

Respectfully,

The Central and Eastern European Coalition (CEEC)

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