

Dear members of the Syracuse Community!

As of 23d of February 2022 Russia has begun a full-scale war against Ukraine. At 4 am local time, Ukrainians in Kramatorsk, Kharkiv, Kyiv, Odessa, Kherson, Brovary, Mykolaiv and many more cities of our Motherland have woken up to the sound of explosions and heavy artillery fire.

The Ukrainian armed forces have been countering Russian aggression for eight years since February 20, 2014, when Russia annexed Crimea and occupied Eastern Ukraine. In his statement, Vladimir Putin declared war against Ukraine saying Russia is doing it in self-defense and alleged that this invasion seeks to protect the population in the Donbas region. This statement is untrue.

Airports in Ivano-Frankivsk, Lutsk and Dnipro were heavily shelled. Military units in Lviv, Zhytomyr, Ivano-Frankivsk, Vinnytsia, Luhansk, Khmelnytsky, Kyiv, and Kherson regions were under missile fire. Russia's cynical aggression is now escalating by the hour. The number of victims grows – both military and civilian. Under brutal and inhumane attack of Russian forces, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights had recorded 752 civilian casualties, including 227 killed – 15 of them children. At least 525 have been injured, including 28 children.

Today, the Ukrainian army is fighting back fierce attacks in Kyiv, Kherson, Kharkiv, Chernihiv, Donetsk, and Luhansk regions.

And today, we, as members of the Ukrainian Club of Syracuse University (UCSU), appeal to you, the community of Syracuse, to support Ukraine. Immediate and decisive action is necessary to save Ukraine and our people. We ask you to call on your Congress representatives and the head of state to take the following action:

- Impose an air shield for the entire territory of Ukraine under Budapest security guarantee commitments made by the US;
- Impose sanctions of unprecedented magnitude to debilitate Russian economic capacity to sustain full-scale invasion against the Ukrainian state. Specifically, request:
 - a. the embargo on Russian oil and gas;
 - b. suspension of Russian airlines, sea cargoes, passenger companies;
 - c. Suspension of access to seaports for Russian companies.
- Continue **sanctions** and force against Russian state-owned businesses, oligarchs and all Putin-affiliated elite. Extend sanctions to their family members and revoke their visas. Stop issuing new visas to Russian citizens.

- **Provide defense assistance** to Ukraine military equipment in the **field of anti-air defense**, anti-tank defense, secure communication for the Ukrainian army.

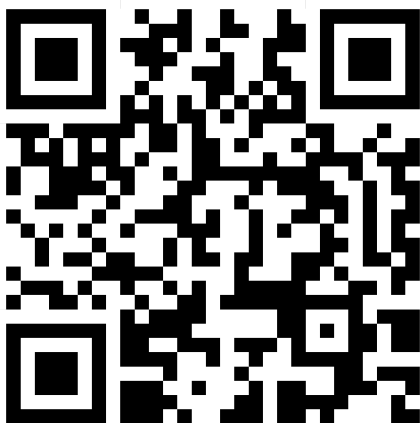
Specifically, request:

- a. additional units of special operations weapons: anti-tank missile system also known as Javelins; man-portable anti-aircraft systems, also known as Stingers;
 - b. general munition: rockets, unmanned air vehicles (UAVs), helicopters, tanks, armored personnel carriers etc.
 - c. protective gear: hard and soft body armor, helmets, night vision goggles.
- Provide **financial and humanitarian assistance** to Ukraine. You can provide donations by scanning the QR code on the page.
 - Undertake efforts to **stop the dissemination of Russian disinformation**.

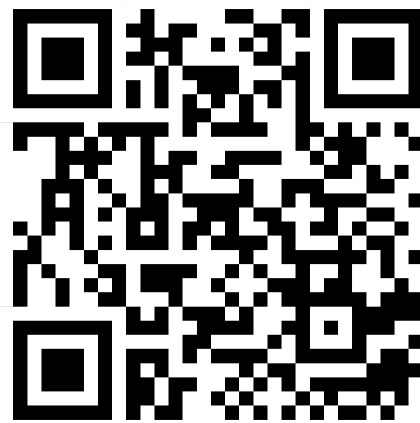
Your support to Ukraine is vital for the Ukrainian Armed Forces to fight one of the biggest military powers in the world.

In the past 8 years, the people of Ukraine went above and beyond to protect its land and had followed every peace framework attempted with Russia. Dialogue is no longer enough. The destiny of democracy is at stake. The global security framework is at risk of being dismantled by Russia. We urge you to take radical and concrete actions for the future of 44 million people and for the future of the world.

Every sanction, every act of support, every political statement and call for action will help Ukraine protect its people and the world's security. Drastic times call for drastic measures and we appeal to you, your government and your people to stand with Ukraine.



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