**PROPOSALS to the GREEN PARTY US**

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**Subject / Title**

GPUS CALL FOR CEASEFIRE AND NEGOTIATIONS TO END UKRAINE WAR.

**Type of Proposal, Expected Approval Threshold**

We expect the threshold to be a Simple Majority, because there is no intention to alter bylaws or rules.

**Requested Proposal Decision-Making Timeline**

We request a 1 to 2 week discussion periods; followed by a 1 week voting period.

**Background and Purpose**

GPUS must stand by its Pillar of Peace, Key Value of Non-Violence, and Party Platform of Peace & Disarmament. If the GPUS doesn't stand by it's Pillars, Values, and Platform, then it stands for nothing.

Green Party Pillar*:* Peace - Our country's long wars and worldwide military presence are immoral and unsustainable. Our military budget must be cut dramatically.

(Note: Biden and Zelensky had many opportunities to prevent and end the Ukraine War, but at every opportunity they rejected a negotiated peace (1&2). Dec. 2021 Putin offered a draft "Treaty between the USA and the Russian Federation on Security Guarantees," based on non-enlargement of NATO and limitations on the deployment of intermediate-range and shorter-range missiles. Jan. 2022 US replied that the US and NATO wont negotiate with Russia over NATO enlargement. Mar. 16, 2022 Russia and Ukraine announce significant progress towards a peace agreement mediated by Turkey and Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett. The basis of the agreement included: "a ceasefire and Russian withdrawal if Kyiv declares neutrality and accepts limits on its armed forces." Mar. 28, 2022 Zelensky publicly declares that Ukraine is ready for neutrality combined with security guarantees as part of a peace agreement with Russia. "Security guarantees and neutrality, the non-nuclear status of our state — we're ready to do that. That's the most important point ... they started the war because of it." Apr. 2022 Zelensky rejects previously agreed upon peace proposal. When asked if Western powers blocked the agreement, Bennett answered: "Basically, yes. They blocked it," he added that the West decided "to crush Putin rather than to negotiate." Biden has the responsibility, power, and ability to stop his proxy war, just by calling for a ceasefire and negotiations, unfortunately he wont do that until he sees public resistance to his non-negotiating policy, therefore GPUS must publicly stand by its Pillar of Peace.)

**Green Party US Key Value: Non-Violence**

(Note: The GPUS can't stand for Non-Violence and also support sending cluster bombs to Ukraine that kill more civilians than they do combatants, with up to 30% of victims killed being children.)

**Green US Party Platform - D. 1. Foreign Policy—Peace and Disarmament**

a. Our defense budget has increased out of all proportion to any military threat to the United States, and to our domestic social, economic and environmental needs. **The United States government must reduce our defense budget to half of its current size.** The 2012 defense budget exceeded $700 billion, and that does not take into account military expenditures not placed under the defense budget.

(Note: Support for the Ukraine War breaks with GPUS platform plank to stand for cutting the US military budget. The cost of the US Empire's Proxy War in Ukraine has dramatically increased the US military budget by $115 billion so far, and has raised the total military budget in FY2021 from $753.5 billion to $842+ billion for FY2024, and is on track to go as high as a trillion dollars.)

d. The U.S. is the largest arms seller and dealer in the world. **We urge our government to prohibit all arms sales to foreign nations and likewise prohibit grants to impoverished and undemocratic nations** unless the money is targeted on domestic, non-military needs. In addition, grants to other nations may not be used to release their own funds for military purposes.

(Note: Zelensky's government is undemocratic and authoritarian. See the US State Department's Human Rights annual reports on the Zelensky regime's ongoing and extensive human rights violations (3). The following is directly from the USSD 2019 Executive Summary on Ukraine - Significant human rights issues include: unlawful or arbitrary killings; torture and other abuse of detainees by law enforcement personnel; harsh and life threatening conditions in prisons and detention centers; arbitrary arrest and detention; substantial problems with the independence of the judiciary; restrictions on freedom of expression, the press, and the internet, including violence against journalists, censorship, and blocking of websites; refoulement; widespread government corruption; and crimes involving violence or threat of violence targeting persons with disabilities, ethnic minorities, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (LGBTI) persons. The government generally failed to take adequate steps to prosecute or punish most officials who committed abuses, resulting in a climate of impunity. Human rights groups and the United Nations noted significant deficiencies in investigations into alleged human rights abuses committed by government security forces.

Zelensky has recently increased his authoritarian rule (4). Zelensky's most recent move was to suspend democratic elections in Ukraine until the war is won. Military experts assert that the war will go on for many years, thus Zelensky has ensured that he will rule Ukraine indefinitely. Using presidential degree, Zelensky also banned opposition political parties, and imprisoned political opponents. A year prior to Russia moving troops into the Donbass, Zelensky closed down all opposition news agency, now all news reported in and about Ukraine is controlled by Zelensky's propaganda machine. He has also imprisoned Ukrainian journalists who write critically about his regime, including US journalist Gonzalo Lira for reporting on the Zelensky government's corruption and on Ukraine's significant Nazi Movement. Zelensky has also banned churches where ethnic Russian Ukrainian's worship.

Nazi influence in Ukraine and on Zelensky's government (5&6). The Biden regime asserts that there is no Nazi problem in Ukraine because Nazis only got 2% of the vote, however Nazis don't take control by winning elections, they take control through violent force. The 2014 US Empire orchestrated violent coup that deposed the legally elected president of Ukraine was led by Ukrainian Nazis who took control of the government after the coup. In a recent VOX poll 43% of respondents in Ukraine and 36% abroad agreed that Nazi ideology is widespread in Ukraine (7). The national hero of Ukraine, is Stepan Bandera the founder of the Ukrainian Nazi Movement, his photo is displayed in government offices. Bandera's ideology was influenced by German Nazism and Italian Fascism; combining extreme nationalism with terrorism, corporatism, and antisemitism. Banderites are devoted to the independence of Ukraine, a single-party fascist totalitarian state free of national minorities. The goal of Banderites is to establish an independent and "ethnically pure Ukrainian state." Annually thousands of Ukrainians fill the streets in a torch light parade on January 1st to celebrate the birthday of Bandera. There are also 100 streets named after and statues honoring Ukrainian's Nazi heroes. Banderite Nazis in Zelensky's government include: Serhiy Pashynskyi, Chairman of the Committee on National Security & Defense Council, the state agency that develops and coordinates policy of national security on domestic and international matters in advising President Zelensky. Dmytro Yarosh, Advisor to the Armed Forces of Ukraine Commander-In-Chief, President Zelensky. Finally prior to Russia entering the Donbass Western Media repeatedly reported on the Ukrainian Nazi Movement, that has Nazi Youth Camps, an international PR representative, and Nazi vigilantes who work directly with the police to arrest those suspected of being disloyal. The day after Russia moved troops into the Donbass, the Western Media magically transformed Ukraine's Banderite Nazis into nationalists. BTW Hitler was also a nationalist.)

e. **The U.S. must not be a conduit for defense contractors to market their products abroad** and must shift our export market from arms to peaceful technology, industrial and agricultural products, and education.

(Note: Support for the Ukraine War breaks with the GPUS platform plank regarding the US not being a conduit for military contractors profits. With over $115 billion in arms sales, the war profiteers of the US Congressional Military Industrial Complex are literally making a killing off of Biden's US Empire Proxy War in Ukraine. BTW Lloyd Austin, US Defense Secretary is a former board member of Raytheon Technologies, a war profiteer, that has doubled it's profits due to weapons contracts for the US Empire's Proxy War in Ukraine.)

f. **The U.S. must prohibit all covert actions used to influence, destabilize or usurp the governments of other nations,** and likewise prohibit the assassination of, or assistance in any form for the assassination of, foreign government officials.

(Note: The US Empire's Proxy War in Ukraine did not start in February 2022, it started in 2014 (1,2&8) because of the US Empire orchestrated coup that deposed the legally elected pro-Russian president of Ukraine, to install a pro-US government, which directly precipitated a civil war that has been raging for the past nine years, that eventually brought Russia into the conflict in February 2022.)

**Proposal**

We call upon the Green Party US to make a public statement, and sign onto the Peace In Ukraine Coalition Petition that is supported by over 180 organization worldwide that calls for Biden, Putin and Zelensky to engage in an Immediate Ceasefire, Peace Negotiations, and No More Weapons to Ukraine.

This call for immediate ceasefire, peace negotiations, and an end to sending weapons to Ukraine is in line with the Green Party US Pillar of Peace, Key Value of Non-Violence, and Party Platform of Peace and Disarmament.

Link to Peace In Ukraine Coalition Petition: https://www.peaceinukraine.org/

Thank you,
Green Party of Hawai'i Coordinating Committee
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**Implementation / Timeline / Resources**

We ask that the Green Party US to publicly assert that it will stand by its Pillar of Peace, Key Value of Non-Violence, and Party Platform of Peace and Disarmament and call for an immediate ceasefire, peace negotiations, and no more weapons to Ukraine as soon as possible. We don't expect there is any need for personnel, meetings, work hours, finances, or a sunset clause.

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