

The Honorable Sue Smith,
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Honorable Smith,

As Putin's Russia has launched a full-scale military invasion of Ukraine, I ask for your continued support of Ukraine.

To that aim, I implore you to:

Impose significant costs on Russia in response to the damage it has already done to Ukraine and still more severe sanctions if Russia fails to withdraw its troops from Ukraine:

- Disconnect the remaining Russian banks from SWIFT. Institute further economic sanctions on senior Russian officials, financial institutions and businesses that are financing this war.
- Ban (or at least significantly reduce) the import of the Russian oil and gas
- Ensure complete isolation of Russia in every setting

Bolster Ukraine's ability to defend its people and sovereignty:

- Institute and enforce a no-fly zone over Ukraine
- Provide additional economic and military support to assist Ukraine's ability to defend itself in the face of the extreme threat Putin's Russia poses. In particular, Ukraine needs fighter jets, air defense systems and modern anti-tank weapons
- Strengthen Ukraine's cybersecurity defenses
- Prioritize Ukraine for excess NATO's and Canada's military defense equipment and resources

Additionally, I ask that you ensure Canada provides support for Ukraine in its requests for accelerated entry into NATO. Ukraine agreed to the Budapest Memorandum of 1994 confident that Canada and other signatories would back security guarantees for its territorial integrity and sovereignty. These security guarantees must be fully honored as they are essential for Ukraine to preserve its sovereignty and safety from Putin's criminal regime.

An emboldened Russia under Putin's authoritarian control threatens not only Ukraine and our Trans-Atlantic partners in Europe, but ultimately Canada. Putin's actions undermine international rule of law, global security, and the democratic values on which our prosperity depends.

The Ukrainian people have demonstrated time and time again that they are willing to fight for their freedom. Please support them in taking a stand against Putin's oppression.

Respectfully,