In the early hours of February 24th, Putin declared war on Ukraine and the Russian troops stationed on 3 sides of Ukraine's border unleashed a full-scale invasion by land, air, and sea.

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), the representative organization of the almost 2 million Americans of Ukrainian descent, condemns in the strongest possible terms, Putin's unprovoked and unjustified invasion of Ukraine.

The security of the United States requires that we confront the Russian unilateral attack on the long standing, American led, security architecture which has sustained peace in Europe these last decades. Russia's declared war on Ukraine cannot go unpunished. The UCCA reiterates its call for the United States and all peace-loving nations to immediately impose crippling sanctions on Putin and the Russian Federation, including:

- Sanctioning Putin and his inner circle
- Removing Russia from SWIFT
- Blocking all assets and transactions of Russian banking institutions
- Censuring Russia from all international organizations, including the UN, Council of Europe and OSCE
- Banning Russian ships including the yachts of Russian oligarchs from Western ports
- Embargoing Russian oil and gas
- Designating Russia as a State sponsor of terror
- Expelling Russian Oligarchs and their families from the United States and our allies

Russia's attack on Ukraine constitutes the gravest security crisis on the European continent since World War II and the U.S. government and her allies must stand in solidarity with Ukraine and her people as they once again defend their hard-won freedom, sovereignty, and territorial integrity. The UCCA is calling on the United States to:

- Immediately provide additional defensive lethal weapons and military equipment to Ukraine, including anti-aircraft weapons
- Institute a NATO no fly zone over Ukraine
- Work to secure nuclear facilities in Ukraine, including and especially the now under threat decommissioned Chornobyl Nuclear Power plant
- Provide immediate NATO Membership for Ukraine
- Provide financial and humanitarian assistance to Ukraine

The fate of not only Ukraine, but that of Europe and indeed the world, depends on decisive American leadership.

May God protect Ukraine and her people.

Glory to Ukraine! Glory to Her Heroes!

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