

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 19, 2022

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.
Washington DC, 20500

Dear President Biden:

We write following our recent visit to Ukraine where we saw firsthand the devastation and atrocities committed by Russian forces on the Ukrainian people in Bucha and elsewhere. The mass graves, extrajudicial killings, and violence against civilians clearly demonstrated the evil of President Putin's invasion of Ukraine. These war crimes are at once unmistakable and unforgivable, and we urge you to do everything in our country's power to ensure Ukraine wins this war and peace is achieved.

During our visit we had the opportunity to meet with Ukrainian leaders, local officials, and international organizations to learn the needs on the ground and the importance of additional assistance. It became abundantly clear to us that our country should take the following immediate steps:

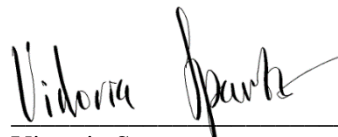
- 1) Deliver robust lethal aid faster. We support the recently announced \$800 million in military assistance but more is needed. As of April 19 the administration has only provided \$1.7 billion of \$3 billion recently authorized by Congress in military aid to Ukraine. We need to get the remaining assistance on the ground and to Ukraine as swiftly as possible and an enhanced U.S. presence in Ukraine can help improve that effort. This should include heavy artillery, heavy armor, tanks, air-defense systems, multiple launch rocket systems, unmanned aerial vehicles, military aircraft, anti-ship missiles, ammunition, and other support whether directly from the U.S. or facilitated via our allies and partners. See attached document for specific items needed to better support Ukraine.
- 2) Restore the U.S.' diplomatic presence in Ukraine. Enhancing our strong diplomatic presence in Ukraine is needed to fully appreciate the tragic circumstances across Ukraine, strengthen communications and information-sharing with Ukrainian officials, gain concrete information on urgent humanitarian and security needs, and better assist any Americans who remain in the country. We also encourage you or a senior level Administration leader to visit Ukraine without further delay.
- 3) Actively and meaningfully support international investigations into Putin's war crimes. Our hearts were shattered in Bucha by the searing loss of innocent lives at the hands of Russia's intentional brutality. We saw investigators remove buried bodies for the purpose of verifying that war crimes were committed. These horrible acts cannot go unpunished and President Putin and Russian officials responsible for this violence must be held accountable.
- 4) Press European and other allied countries to increase security assistance for Ukraine, reduce their dependence on Russian energy, and impose ongoing and severe economic sanctions against Putin's regime. The U.S. should lead by example, provide robust military support, and move to increase both domestic energy production and capacity to export to Europe. It is important the U.S., NATO, and European allies present a united front to hold Russia accountable for its aggression and atrocities in Ukraine.

We stand ready to assist your administration to ensure the United States is fully engaged to stop the atrocity ongoing in Ukraine, help bring about a decisive Ukrainian victory in which their sovereignty and security is restored, and hold Vladimir Putin and his agents accountable for their barbaric actions.

Sincerely,



Steve Daines
United States Senator



Victoria Spartz
Member of Congress

Specific Assistance Requested or Facilitated via Allies and Partners

Heavy Artillery

- Artillery cannons (caliber 155mm) – at least 100 units and shells
- Artillery shells (caliber 152mm, Soviet-type) – as much as possible
- Multiple rocket launch systems (Grad, Tornado, Smerch or M142 HIMARS) – at least 100 units and shells

Heavy Armor

- Armored Vehicles (Soviet-type: armored personnel carriers, infantry fighting vehicles, etc.) – 600 vehicles
- Tanks (T-72, USA Abrams, German Leopards) – 300 units

Air-Defense Systems

- S-300, BUK (or other modern systems) – multiple dozen systems

Military Aircrafts

- Su-24 – 30 aircraft

Anti-ship Missiles (30 km or more impact range)

- Harpoon or RBS 15 anti-ship missiles – 300 units

Light Vehicles

- Pickups and/or trucks – minimum 2,000 vehicles