

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden,

With the recent massing of Russian forces on the Ukrainian border, we urge your administration to take immediate and swift action to provide support to Ukraine in the form of intelligence and weapons. We also urge your administration to deploy a U.S. military presence in the Black Sea to deter a Russian invasion.

According to open-source reporting, Russia is once again massing a sizeable military force of ground troops, armored vehicles, tanks, and artillery on Ukraine's doorstep. Russia's behavior is becoming more aggressive, and it has intensified rhetoric critical of Ukraine on topics ranging from Ukraine's military modernization and military partnerships to Ukraine's admission into NATO. Although Russia's intentions are uncertain, the presence of Russia's elite 1st Guard Tanks Army lends credibility to concerns that Russia is planning additional incursions into Ukraine territory.

Your administration cannot ignore Russia's continued threat to international law and Ukraine's territorial sovereignty.

In September, your administration committed \$60 million in military aid to Ukraine due to a "major increase in Russian military activity along its border." Since then, Russia's apparent military activity has continued to increase in intensity. Therefore, it is imperative that the U.S. fulfill its commitment to a key partner by increasing lethal aid to Ukraine in order to deter and repel a renewed Russian incursion. Additionally, we urge you to immediately consider an appropriate U.S. military presence and posture in the region and to initiate appropriate intelligence sharing activities between the U.S. and Ukraine to prevent the situation from escalating further.

Thank you for your attention to this matter of crucial importance.

Sincerely,



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