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Thank you. Дякую.

Thank you for joining us at the third Ukraine Action Summit, organized by the American Coalition for Ukraine! This year's Summit was our biggest yet, with **over 450** of you joining us in Washington D.C. for three spirited days of advocacy, training, networking, and one amazing giant flag unfurling.

We are so proud that our Coalition has grown to nearly 100 organizations. What we have been able to accomplish in just over a year is astounding. Across the nation, we have mobilized and come together, united behind one goal: Ukrainian victory.

During this Summit, happening amidst a tumultuous supplemental fight on the Hill and Ukraine's ongoing counteroffensive, we showed our dedication to our goal as never before. We heard from a number of leading experts about key issues about Ukraine and the war during our panel sessions, came together to learn from our leaders and each other at trainings and networking events, canvassed Congress to push for our legislative priorities, and made history by displaying the world's largest Ukrainian flag in our Nation's Capital.

Our results speak for themselves - two of our legislative priorities made it out of committee in early November, and many others have attracted new cosponsors. We were covered in the media - both local and national, and made a splash on social media.

While we should take pride in all these accomplishments, we must remember that there remains much to do, and that Ukraine has never needed our help as much as it does now. This report will serve as a valuable resource as we continue our advocacy and engage with elected officials, both local and national, and further develop meaningful connections fostered during the Summit, so please consult it carefully.

We extend our deepest gratitude for your unwavering commitment, and participation in the third Ukraine Action Summit. Слава Україні!

Sincerely,
The organizers of the Ukraine Action Summit

Contributions from the following organizations made this Summit possible. Thank you!



By The Numbers



220 Congressional Meetings

40% of Congress

85% Conversion Rate of Meeting Requests



450+ Participants

98 Organizations

34 States Represented



Impacts on Legislation

Advocacy Win!

On 11/8, the House Committee on Foreign Affairs voted on HR 4175 (REPO Act) and H. Res. 149 (child deportation resolution) during their committee makeup. They passed, meaning they can now be brought to the House floor by the Speaker for a vote.



New Cosponsorships between October 23 & November 28, 2023

House	<i>Child Deportation Resolution:</i>	13
Legislation	<i>Genocide Resolution:</i>	3
Progress	<i>REPO Act:</i>	23
	<i>Victory Resolution:</i>	2
Senate	<i>REPO Act:</i>	2
Legislation		
Progress		



Impacts on Legislation

Legislation Guide

Genocide Resolution *H.Res.154/S.Res.72*

A majority of Americans say that Russia is attempting genocide in Ukraine, and legal experts around the world agree. Recognizing this atrocity signals to Russia that it will be held accountable and that Ukrainians will find justice.

Ukraine Victory Resolution *H.Res.332/S.Res.172*

The Ukraine Victory Resolution is the first legislation to make clear that the U.S. goal is to help Ukraine win, and reaffirms our commitment to help Ukraine secure its internationally recognized 1991 borders.

Rebuilding Economic Prosperity for Ukrainians (REPO) Act *H.R.4175/S.2003*

This bill confirms existing authority to use frozen Russian state assets in the United States for reconstructing Ukraine. The passage of REPO will encourage our global partners to take similar approaches, tapping into over \$300B+ of Russian central bank reserves frozen by allies.

Forced Transfer of Children *H.Res.149/S.Res.158*

Russia has kidnapped tens of thousands of Ukrainian children, detaining them in a network of dozens of camps across occupied territory, Russia, and Belarus. Congress must condemn this crime against humanity.



Local Ukraine Advocacy Ideas

Our work doesn't stop here! Check out these ideas for further advocacy to keep the momentum of the Summit going.



Contact Your Representative by Phone, Email, Social Media & Snail Mail

Let your representative know what issues are important to you, and ask them to cosponsor bills and support funding for Ukraine.

Connect With Local Communities. Collaborate. Invite your Representative.

Find allies in your community that you can advocate together with. Build a network of Ukraine supporters. Host cultural and advocacy events like holiday celebrations, fundraisers, commemorations, vigils, and protests. Invite your representative, and invite your local media. Take photos and share on social media.

Stay Connected

Join the Ukraine Action Summit Alumni Signal chat to keep the conversation going with your fellow advocates around the country. Check the post-Summit email for the link.

Think Local

Get your local municipal authorities involved. Look into getting your city or town to issue a proclamation related to Ukraine. Display a Ukrainian flag outside your home, business, on your vehicle, or on your social media profiles. Remind people this war is ongoing and we need their continued support.

Make Noise in Media

Write letters to the editor and submit editorials to your local press. Invite or notify your local newspaper, radio and tv stations about any Ukraine-centric or advocacy events in your community. Share news, images, and advocacy information on social media.

Panel Sessions

Thank you to all the panelists and participants who joined us for a series of informative discussions about key issues in Ukraine and beyond!

To rewatch the panels, visit:

americancoalitionforukraine.org/fall23panelstream



Panelists and Speakers:

Ambassador Oksana Markarova, Brigadier General (Ret.) Mark Arnold, Ambassador William Taylor, Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch, Gretchen Barton, Daria Kaleniuk, Vladyslav Rashkovan, Dr. Kateryna Shynkaruk, Melinda Haring, Nate Mook, Jonathan Katz, Peter Pomerantsev, Kateryna Lisunova, Elina Beketova, Karolina Hird, Andriana Susak-Arekhta, Colonel (Ret.) Yevgeny "Eugene" Vindman, Elana Broitman


In the Media

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In DC, activists find that there are still pro-Ukraine Republicans, but their voters have mixed feelings on aid

Charles R. Davis Oct 27, 2023, 7:07 AM EDT



Pro-Ukraine activists hold a demonstration in Washington, DC. Charles R. Davis/Insider

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Ukrainian veterans lobby Congress for continued support on the battlefield

October 25, 2023 · 5:12 AM ET
Heard on Morning Edition

4-Minute Listen [PLAYLIST](#)

A MARTÍNEZ, HOST:

Hundreds of Ukrainian Americans were in Washington, D.C., this week to try and convince congressional leaders to continue arming Ukraine in its war against Russia. Their visit comes at a crucial time. President Biden wants to combine funding for Ukraine with funding for Israel as that nation continues to battle Hamas. And at the same time, further funding for Ukraine is at the heart of the battle for the House leadership contest. Now, a number of Ukrainian veterans are also asking for continued support on the battlefield.

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There's already a big appetite for prioritizing this funding among members of Congress. In recent days, hundreds of constituents from around the country traveled to Washington to push Congress to pass this supplemental package; this took place as part of the Ukraine Action Summit, which my organization, Razom for Ukraine, helped to organize. If you work on Capitol Hill, you probably saw hundreds of constituents meeting with offices to advocate for this funding.

In meeting after meeting, constituents found that most members of Congress get it: support for Ukraine remains largely bipartisan, and members of Congress want to act. President Joe Biden's recent Oval Office address, his first on Ukraine, clearly laid out why this issue matters to Americans, and made a compelling case to Congress. "If we walk away and let Putin erase Ukraine's independence," Biden told the nation, "would-be aggressors around the world would be emboldened to try the same."

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Central Texas residents heading to Washington D.C. to speak about urgency in Ukraine

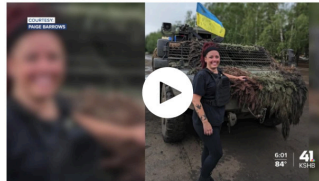
by Jessica Taylor | Thu, October 19th 2023, 8:40 PM EDT



Central Texas residents heading to Washington D.C. to speak about urgency in Ukraine (Photo: CBS Austin)

Olathe woman travels to Washington, D.C., to rally support for Ukraine

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Scott Cullinane, director of government affairs at Razom, an NGO advocating for Ukraine that recently hosted a summit with lawmakers in Congress, said, "there is a sense among some Republican members in particular that the U.S. is carrying the burden alone — and that's very much not the case. By various metrics, European allies are doing as much, or even more in some senses, than we are in terms of the provision of military equipment and in terms of bearing the cost of imposing sanctions."

NEWS

Broome County delegates to meet with Congress in support of Ukraine

By Samantha Roth
Posted Oct 18, 2023 10:37 AM EDT
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Over 24 news articles, and TV and radio segments in media outlets around the country covered or mentioned the Summit - spreading our impact and message to thousands. Thank you to all who took part!

To see these articles and more, visit americancoalitionforukraine.org/in-the-media

Advocacy Taskforces

The **Community Engagement (CE) for Ukraine** Team focuses on educating our fellow Americans on the importance of supporting Ukraine. Created by American Coalition for Ukraine members after the April 2023 Action Summit, we mass-message Americans, rebut pro-Russian propaganda, and encourage the U.S. government to better support Ukraine.

For more information and other opportunities, visit
www.communityforukraine.org

UkraineFactCheck.org Team

Our team administers UkraineFactCheck.org and its dedicated social media feeds to push back against Russian disinformation. Our volunteers share resources and publish original content and research to fight misinformation.

Help us by: Researching and/or writing articles, sharing our info.

Follow us: @ukrfactcheck on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter.

For more info, contact team lead Catherine Pedersen at ukrfactcheck@gmail.com

Op-ed and Letters to the Editor Team

This volunteer team works to get letters and opinion pieces published in US newspapers, with the goal of conveying essential info about Ukraine and pushing back against pro-Russian misinformation in the media and online.

Help us by: Writing and/or posting a local letter, research assistance.

For more info, contact team lead Alexander Kuzma at oleskuzma@gmail.com

Ukraine Military Budget Team

The Ukraine Military Budget group is a dedicated advocacy team focusing on bridging the gap between the current level of United States military aid to Ukraine and the critical requirements of the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

Help us by: Researching and contacting allied organizations, setting up meetings with Congressmembers.

For more info, contact team lead Alik Kasman at alik@kasman.us



