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The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, M.P., P.C.
Prime Minister of Canada
Room 309-S, Centre Block
House of Commons
Ottawa, K1A 0A6

Dear Prime Minister:

RE: THE CASE FOR PROVIDING MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO UKRAINE

On behalf of the Ukrainian Canadian community, I thank you and the Government of Canada for your strong leadership in addressing the current critical situation in Ukraine. I can assure you that the people of Ukraine and the Ukrainian Canadian community are extremely grateful to your Government.

At a time when Europe is facing its greatest security crisis since the end of the Cold War, and a sovereign European state of some 45 million citizens has been invaded by a revanchist Russian Federation, it is critical for Canada to continue to play a leadership role in support of Ukraine's security and independence.

Having recently returned from meetings with Ukraine's Prime Minister and undertaking broad consultations with our community across Canada, I am pleased to provide you with a briefing note from the Ukrainian Canadian community on the current situation in Ukraine. Among our recommendations is for Canada to lead the world with sectoral sanctions against the Russian Federation and providing defensive military assistance to Ukraine.

The NATO alliance must act decisively during its summit in Wales Sept. 4-5 to assist Ukraine in its battle to defend against Vladimir Putin's aggression. A failure to do so will have grave consequences not only for Ukraine and Europe, but for global peace and security.

Please do not hesitate to contact me personally to discuss this critically important issue.

Yours very truly,

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Enclosure (1)

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