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## 2019 Federal Election

### Ukrainian Canadian Congress Questionnaire for Candidates for Member of Parliament

Dear Candidate:

The Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) is surveying all candidates in the 2019 Federal Election regarding the following issues of importance to the Ukrainian Canadian community.

Thank you for helping us to inform Canadians about your position on the issues which are very important to the Ukrainian Canadian community. Attached to this survey please find the UCC National 2019 Policy Guide.

We will be publishing the results of this questionnaire in the media and on the UCC website. **We kindly request that you respond to the following questions by October 4, 2019 via email to [2019election@ucc.ca](mailto:2019election@ucc.ca)**

Should you elect not to respond, we will record this as an expression of "No Interest."

Thank you for your time and consideration.

#### Candidate Information:

Name of Candidate:    Ian Pineau   

Constituency:           Renfrew-Nipissing\_ Pembroke          

Political Party:           Green Party of Canada (GPC)          

#### 1. Strengthening Canada-Ukraine Security Relations

a) Do you condemn Russia's invasion of Ukraine and illegal occupation of Crimea and parts of Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts?

Yes:

b) Do you support Canada providing Ukraine with defensive weapons, increased security cooperation between Canada and Ukraine, and increased Canadian sanctions on Russia in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine?

Only to the extent that they are truly "defensive weapons"; increased security operations between the countries should always be on the table and increased sanctions should be researched to determine what would be most useful and provide the maximum amount of leverage on Russia with the least exposure to both Canada and Ukraine.

## 2. Supporting Democratic and Economic Reform in Ukraine

a) Do you support increased Canadian international assistance for Ukraine, including increased humanitarian assistance and increased support for consolidating Ukraine's democratic institutions?

Yes, as need is demonstrated, assistance should be allocated.

## 3. Ensuring Security and Dignity for Seniors

a) Do you support increased investment to ensure affordable care for seniors and increased cooperation with ethno-cultural organizations and institutions who provide care to seniors?

Yes

## 4. Welcoming Newcomers to Canada

a) Do you support increasing assistance and cooperation with ethno-cultural, community-based settlement services for newcomers?

Yes, immigration into Canada is the future of this country.

b) Do you support visa-free travel to Ukrainian citizens visiting Canada?

Yes assuming all legal obligations are met by travelers.

## 5. Helping our Culture Flourish

Historical recognition –

a) Do you support the recognition of the Deportation of the Crimean Tatar People (Sürgünlik) by the Soviet regime in 1944 as an act of Genocide? Do you support establishing May 18 as the annual Day of Remembrance of the Genocide of the Crimean Tatar People?

I do not unfortunately have the background to comment on this issue; however, any action against defenceless individuals should be condemned in the strongest possible way.

b) Do you support the establishment of October 28 as the annual Day of Commemoration of Canada's First National Internment Operations?

I would need to see the details of what constitutes this commemoration however in principle it seems like an idea worth exploring.

c) Do you support increasing funding to multicultural programming in Canada?

The Green Party has always supported immigration; refugee support and multicultural programming. With the anticipated increase in "Climate Refugees" coming to this country this support will need to be increased.

d) Do you support increasing government assistance to heritage language programming in Canada?

As long as this is a shared responsibility between the community and various levels of government. The communities in question would need to demonstrate that there is a return on that investment. The metrics of that return would be worked out between the community and the funding agencies.

## 6. Fighting Online Hate and Disinformation

a) Do you support increased measures to eliminate online hate and disinformation campaigns from social media?

Yes.