



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Ken Calvert
Chairman
Subcommittee on Defense
H-405, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Betty McCollum
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Defense
1036 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairwoman Granger, Chairman Calvert, Ranking Member DeLauro, and Ranking Member McCollum,

The U.S. has spent \$113 billion on aid to Ukraine. 55% of this money is distributed to the Department of Defense.¹

U.S. involvement in Ukraine has been an epic disaster. The conflict has resulted in hundreds of thousands of military and civilian casualties. Each day without peace is another day that jeopardizes the fragile security the world has enjoyed for decades free from the devastation of nuclear weapons.

Furthermore, our military readiness has suffered due to the never-ending aid. Restocking of javelin missiles will take five years at the current pace, and stinger missiles thirteen.² And the Pentagon is unable to obtain a suitable number of artillery rockets for the M142 High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS)—which Ukrainian forces rely heavily upon.

Meanwhile, the United States is suffering from failing infrastructure, including rail lines, exemplified by the recent disaster in East Palestine. Rampant crime and homelessness are pervading our cities. The fentanyl crisis is the leading cause of death for Americans aged 18-45, killing more Americans in 2021 alone than the Korean War, Vietnam War, Iraq and Afghanistan combined. The Social Security Trust Fund is not keeping pace with our senior population. And

¹ CONG. RSCH. SERV., IN12107, *Department of Defense Supplemental Funding for Ukraine: A Summary*, 1 (Feb. 13, 2023), available at <https://www.crs.gov/Reports/IN12107>.

² Eric Lipton, *From Rockets to Ball Bearings, Pentagon Struggles to Feed War Machine*, *The New York Times* (March 24, 2023).

the illegal alien population is consuming resources to the tune of billions per year.

Congress must prioritize funding on helping our own citizens, not a corrupt foreign government. Ukraine has been consistently ranked as the most or second most corrupt country in Europe. On top of that, Ukraine uses Nazi militia members as official troops in its military. American tax dollars should not be used to support Nazi troops or a corrupt country in a war that does not serve a single American interest. The current Ukraine regime has banned Christian churches, banned opposition parties, and banned free media. This is not a country worth one American dime.

Accordingly, I request that the following language be included in the FY2024 bill:

SEC. None of the funds made available by this Act may supply weaponry or weapons systems to be used in the conflict between Russia and Ukraine.

Thank you for your effort and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul A. Gosar" followed by a stylized flourish.

Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.
Member of Congress