The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand 478 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

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## **Dear Senator Gillibrand:**

**I am writing as a constituent** to urge your support for immediate expansion of massive American aid in defense of Ukraine, one of America's most stalwart partners.

If ever there was a time to support Ukraine, it is now. Since independence thirty years ago Ukraine has become a mature democratic state, secure in its borders, politically diverse and economically robust. Recently Ukraine enshrined in its constitution the intent to join NATO and the European Union. If Europe is the bastion of civil society, then the United States of America is the arsenal of democracy. It must fulfill its role. Allowing Ukraine to succumb to the Kremlin's malice would dishonor the many Americans who gave their lives in defense of democratic principles around the world, recently and back to World War II when members of the Greatest Generation stormed the beaches of Normandy to secure Europe from the peril of a malicious regime. Ukraine is once again defending not only its borders and citizens, but the rest of Europe and the World from a rogue criminal enterprise rooted in Russia.

The Kremlin's hybrid warfare seeks to destabilize Ukraine and other US partners on multiple fronts. The United States and its allies have already borne witness to numerous attempts by the Kremlin to undermine democracies around the world. We welcome the assistance that the people of the United States have provided to Ukraine. More must be done – and **soon**, if we are to prevail in this battle for the ideals of democracy upon which the United States itself was founded. Current legislation in the House and Senate in support of Ukraine must be moved forward with all due haste.

Please rush the additional support that the United States of America can and should contribute. The Ukrainian American community in Western New York is united in this appeal.

Personal Note:
May God help Ukraine and continue to bless the United States of America.
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