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Ukrainian National Women's League – Philadelphia Branch #146
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Dear Ukrainian National Women's League of Philadelphia:

Thank you for your kind invitation. I am disappointed that I cannot join you tonight, but I wanted to send along my words of commitment, sorrow, and support.

I stand with you — and I stand with Ukraine as they fight to preserve and strengthen their democracy.

I share in your grief over the tens of thousands of Ukrainians killed in Putin's cruel, unprovoked war — and the tens of thousands of children who have been forcibly deported by Russia and remain missing.

We are at a pivotal moment. As ceasefire negotiations start and stop between Ukraine and Russia, the United States must stand firm in our support for Ukraine and must be strong in our position as the indispensable nation.

I urge the Trump Administration to do everything in its power to reach a ceasefire — as I implored the Biden Administration to give everything Ukraine needs to win.

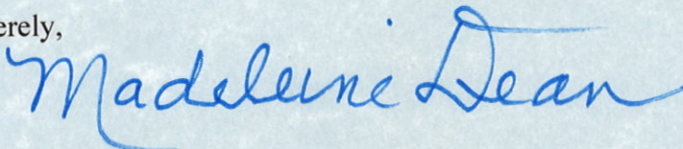
I've had the privilege to meet with President Zelensky several times, including in Ukraine following Congress's passage of additional aid last April. On that visit, President Zelensky stressed his deep appreciation for American support. And U.S. support for Ukraine must continue — adopting additional sanctions against Russia; supplying weapons and air-defense; and our strong, unwavering diplomacy. The world must work to end this devastating war.

Our district is home to thousands of Ukrainians and Ukrainian Americans. For three years, you have mourned and feared for a young democracy in peril. I stand with you.

Yet you have also found time for joy, for culture, and for community. You carry the century-long tradition of the Ukrainian National Women's League to support Ukraine, Ukrainians worldwide, and your collective future. I commend you for your efforts — it is more important now than ever.

Slava Ukraini! Slava Heroem!

Sincerely,



Madeleine Dean
Member of Congress