



## **Federal Contracting for Peace and Security Act**

*“All American companies must leave Russia from their market—leave their market immediately, because it is flooded with our blood.”*

– Ukrainian President Zelenskyy

On February 24, 2022, Russian President Vladimir Putin launched an unprovoked full-scale military invasion of Ukraine, a peaceful and sovereign country. Since the invasion began, the death toll of innocent civilians has surged and over 3 million refugees have fled Ukraine, bringing the worst humanitarian crisis to Europe since World War II. The United States and our allies have enacted swift and comprehensive economic sanctions to demonstrate that this unprovoked and unconscionable aggression has direct consequences. Many companies around the world have followed suit to punish Putin by ceasing business operations in Russia.

Businesses that continue to do business in Russia are indirectly providing support to President Putin and his war against Ukraine, and the Putin Administration is benefiting from their continued presence. The federal government awarded billions of dollars in Fiscal Year 2021 to companies that have refused to suspend their business operations in Russia or have only partially scaled back operations or investments. The United States government must ensure that American taxpayer dollars do not flow into the pockets of those furthering these atrocities.

To address this issue, Chairwoman Maloney introduced the Federal Contracting for Peace and Security Act. This legislation would ensure that the purchasing power of the United States government is used to send a message to companies: If you choose to remain in business in support of Vladimir Putin, you cannot remain in business with the United States government.

The Federal Contracting for Peace and Security Act would:

- Establish that it is the policy of the U.S. government not to conduct business with companies that undermine our national security interests by continuing to operate in Russia during its ongoing war of aggression against Ukraine;
- Prohibit the federal government from purchasing products or services from companies that continue to conduct business in Russia during its war of aggression, including the termination of existing contracts with such companies; and
- Make reasonable exceptions for products or services purchased for the benefit of Ukraine or to meet basic human needs, as well as for cases in which prohibition or termination of a contract would not be in the national interest of the United States, provided that the President and Congress are notified in advance.