

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 31, 2022

The Honorable Carolyn B. Maloney
Chairwoman
Committee on Oversight and Reform
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Maloney:

The House Committee on Oversight and Reform must follow its mandate to conduct oversight of the expenditures of U.S. taxpayer funds that are vulnerable to waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement. This includes the recent supplemental funding designed to assist Ukraine.¹ In response to the Russian invasion and subsequent war in Ukraine, Congress approved an emergency military and humanitarian aid package totaling \$13.6 billion.² As the war continues, the world is bearing witness to the horrors perpetrated by Russian President Vladimir Putin, who is now unquestionably a war criminal. It is vital that this congressionally appropriated aid is distributed effectively and efficiently to best support not only the Ukrainian military resistance but also those Ukrainian civilians currently under Russian siege or displaced by Russian aggression. As such, we call on you to immediately convene a hearing to oversee and evaluate agency performance and effectiveness in the distribution of U.S. taxpayer dollars in Ukraine.

The recent aid package was divided into four primary categories: (1) \$6.9 billion for traditional foreign aid, including humanitarian assistance, (2) \$3.5 billion for military supplies, including additional and replacement lethal materiel, (3) \$3 billion for U.S. deployment and intelligence programs, including support to the troops currently deployed to the European theater, and (4) \$175.5 million for enforcing sanctions and other aid, including investigating cyber threats.³ With this significant amount of money, it is imperative the Committee provide real time oversight to ensure that taxpayer dollars are going to where they can best assist the Ukrainian people.

Russia's war against Ukraine has led to thousands of civilian deaths, millions of refugees, millions more internally displaced, shortages of food, energy, and other necessities. We must ensure that typical red tape and federal bureaucracy do not delay this aid from reaching the Ukrainian people or lead to taxpayer dollars going to bad actors. Further, Russia continues to choose to attack Ukrainian infrastructure like roads and rails. This poses a significant challenge to the delivery of aid. To assist the Committee in understanding these issues, we request an immediate hearing with the following witnesses:

¹ House Rule X.

² Bianca Pallaro & Alicia Parlapiano, *Visualizing the \$13.6 Billion in U.S. Spending on Ukraine*, N.Y. TIMES (Mar. 18, 2022).

³ *Id.*

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3. The Honorable Lloyd Austin
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4. The Honorable Shalanda Young
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Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,



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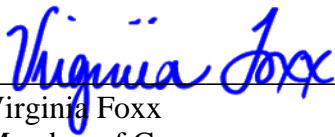


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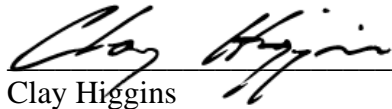
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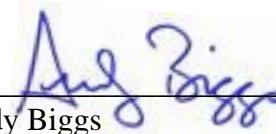
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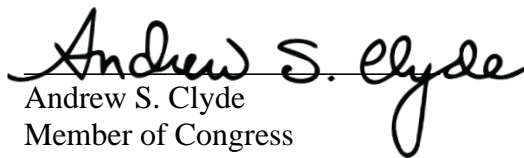
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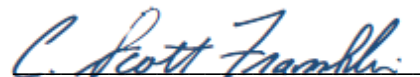
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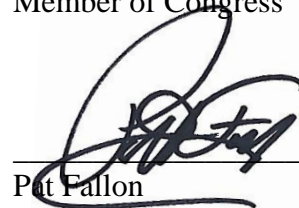
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cc: The Honorable Gerald E. Connolly, Chairman
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