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The Honorable Barack Obama
The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On March 24, 2014, I wrote to you urging you to designate Ukraine as a “Major Non NATO Ally” (MNNA). As you are well aware from my previous correspondence, the MNNA designation makes a nation eligible, to the maximum extent feasible:

- 1) for priority delivery of excess defense articles if it is on the South or Southeastern flank of NATO. (FAA §516);
- 2) to have U.S.-owned War Reserve Stockpiles on its territory outside of U.S. military installations. (FAA §514)];
- 3) to enter into agreements with the USG for the cooperative furnishing of training on a bilateral or multilateral basis under reciprocal financial arrangements that may exclude reimbursement for indirect costs and certain other charges. (AECA §21(g));
- 4) to use U.S. provided Foreign Military Financing for commercial leasing of certain defense articles. (Section 589 of the FY01 Foreign Operations Appropriation Act, Public Law 106-429);
- 5) for loans of materials, supplies and equipment for cooperative R&D projects and testing and evaluation. (AECA §65)

Mr. President, as you continue your diplomatic efforts and implement a regime of escalating sanctions against the Russian Federation and its leadership, designating Ukraine as a Major Non NATO Ally would send a distinct signal to the aggressors while setting in place procedures by which the United States can help the Ukrainian people defend themselves.

Our nation has long been a reliable force for stability and freedom in the world and Ukraine has stood by our side, most recently during our military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan! The events of this year in Crimea and eastern Ukraine require that the United States exercise leadership now!

As time is of the essence for the Ukrainian people, I look forward to your early response.



Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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