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Razom for Ukraine Urges Biden to Make History at 2024 Washington NATO Summit

Razom for Ukraine applauds the NATO alliance's decision to eliminate the Membership Action Plan for Ukraine's accession. We welcome NATO's recognition of Ukraine's continued progress toward the adoption of NATO standards.

At the Vilnius Summit, NATO leaders failed to go beyond their tired statements that "Ukraine's rightful place is in NATO" and explain when and how Ukraine can join the Alliance. This is a failure of imagination and a failure of leadership.

But there's a chance to remedy this gross error. President Biden can make history and bring lasting peace to Europe at the NATO Washington Summit in July 2024 by inviting Ukraine to join NATO once the war ends. We urge President Biden to act with alacrity.

While Ukraine remains outside of NATO's security guarantees, Razom for Ukraine implores all NATO members to increase material support to Ukraine, including by providing Ukraine with much-needed long-range missiles, F-16s, air defense systems, and demining equipment.

Ukraine belongs in NATO. Nothing short of NATO membership will bring enduring peace to Ukraine and to Europe.

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The House Progressive Amendment to Prohibit the Transfer of Cluster Munitions Undermines The U.S. Efforts to End the War in Ukraine

Razom for Ukraine opposes the House Progressives' Amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act banning the transfer of cluster munitions. Our statement:

*While we appreciate the concern expressed by House Progressives over the decision to transfer cluster munitions to Ukraine, **their NDAA amendment to prohibit the transfer undermines the United States' efforts to help Ukraine to drive the Russian military out of Ukraine for good.***

*These types of artillery munitions will be used by Ukraine in militarily-appropriate scenarios and within Ukraine's sovereign territory. **The risks from Russia's genocidal aggression are infinitely greater than the risk of civilian harm caused by these weapons - a risk nobody appreciates more than Ukrainians themselves.** This amendment, in effect, would deny Ukraine a vital tool of self-defense and allow Russia to maintain an asymmetric advantage which can only result in more civilian deaths as the war is prolonged. We thank the administration for making the difficult but necessary decision to send these weapons.*

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