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Responding to reports that a Russian-American dual citizen has been detained by Russian authorities for reportedly making a donation to Razom in early 2022, Razom for Ukraine’s CEO Dora Chomiak issued the following statement:

“Razom is appalled by reports that a U.S.-Russian dual national has been arrested by Russian authorities for purportedly making a charitable donation to Razom for Ukraine in the immediate aftermath of Russia’s full scale invasion of Ukraine.”

“Russian President Vladimir Putin has repeatedly shown that he holds no sovereign border, foreign nationality, or international treaty above his own narrow interest. His regime attacks civil society activists who stand up for freedom and democracy. Razom calls on the U.S. government to continue to do everything in its power to demand that President Putin release all those unjustly detained by Russia and to hold Russia’s political and military leadership accountable for their unprovoked invasion of Ukraine.”

“Razom is a U.S.-founded and U.S.-based Section 501(c)(3) public charity that is committed to supporting a prosperous, secure and democratic future for Ukraine. Since the start of Russia’s full-scale invasion nearly two years ago, hundreds of thousands of people around the world have been moved by the strength and resilience of the Ukrainian people to donate to our organization and to support this nonprofit mission.”

“Our activities, which are in keeping with our charitable purpose and our legal obligations as an American charitable organization, are focused on humanitarian aid, disaster relief, education and advocacy.”

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