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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Razom for Ukraine, a U.S. nonprofit providing medical and humanitarian aid to Ukraine and a top advocate for continued U.S. assistance to Ukraine, released the following statement. This statement can be attributed to Daniel Balson, director of Public Engagement for Razom for Ukraine.

It is incredibly heartening to see the U.S. has secured the release of Evan Gershkovich, Vladimir Kara-Murza, Alsu Kurmasheva, Paul Whelan, and others taken hostage by the Kremlin or imprisoned for telling the truth about Russia's barbaric invasion of Ukraine. We wish them and their families peace after the horrific ordeal that they've endured.

The job isn't done. The U.S. government must similarly work to help Ukraine free all of its people held hostage by Russia, including more than 19,000 abducted Ukrainian children. Russian President Vladimir Putin has demonstrated time and again that he will violate any norm and break any convention in pursuit of his quest for power. The single best way to help free Ukrainians in captivity is by giving Ukraine the military support necessary to push Russia back on the battlefield and force the Kremlin to free them.