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*WASHINGTON, D.C. – Razom for Ukraine, a U.S. nonprofit and leading advocate for continued U.S. assistance to Ukraine, released the following statement. This statement can be attributed to Dora Chomiak, CEO of Razom for Ukraine:*

Razom for Ukraine congratulates President-elect Donald Trump on his victory. Trump's firm stance toward Russian President Vladimir Putin is needed now more than ever. During President Trump's first term, he sent Javelin missiles to Ukraine—something President Obama refused to do—and extended U.S. sanctions on Russia for illegally invading Crimea. President-elect Trump's record and tough negotiating posture can force Putin to end his aggression against Ukraine.

Together with his allies in China, Iran and North Korea, Putin poses a serious threat to the United States. The incoming Trump administration and Congress must take immediate action to address these acute security challenges.

Congress must pass an additional supplemental aid package to bolster the Ukrainian military. The aid package must enable Ukrainians to survive the winter, push Putin's forces back, and give President-elect Trump the flexibility he needs to act from a position of strength. This supplemental should include a replenishment of presidential drawdown authority, new investments to revitalize the American defense industrial base, and congressional authorization for the U.S. to pay for military assistance to Ukraine using Russia's own confiscated assets. Failure to urgently pass a supplemental package risks undermining President-elect Trump's position before he assumes office.

Support for Ukraine should not fall to American and European taxpayers alone. Ukraine must be rebuilt and Russia must pay for it. Speaker of the House Mike Johnson rightly called it “pure poetry” to use the billions in Russian state assets immobilized in U.S. jurisdiction to pay for aid to Ukraine. President-elect Trump should do what President Biden wouldn’t and transfer Russia’s frozen state assets to the United States’ Ukraine Support Fund and make sure Putin pays the price for his war.

President-elect Trump has signaled that he plans to end Russia’s invasion of Ukraine as soon as possible and that he wants to ensure a just peace. While President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said he’s ready to negotiate a just peace, Russian forces are advancing and Putin has shown he is unwilling to negotiate. President-elect Trump must not repeat the Biden administration’s mistakes by only giving Ukraine enough aid to survive rather than win. To force Putin to the table on favorable terms, President-elect Trump should surge military assistance so that Ukraine can mobilize the forces necessary to break through Russian lines, like Ukraine did in Kharkiv in 2022 and Kursk this year. The key to ending the war—which is President-elect Trump’s stated goal—is to bring Ukraine into NATO as fast as possible. On day one, the new administration should lift U.S. restrictions on Ukraine from striking key military targets in Russia and permit NATO Allies to defend their airspace from Russian drones and missiles.

A strong and stable majority of Americans want Ukraine to win. President-elect Trump can accomplish what Biden never did—achieve a victory in Ukraine that will make the U.S. safer and more prosperous. Razom for Ukraine stands ready to work with President-elect Trump and his team to end this war with victory for Ukraine and for the United States.

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