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Mr. Jim Nussle
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Dear Mr. Nussle,

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Today is the fourteenth day of Putin's illegal and unprovoked war against the peace and freedom loving Ukrainian people. Putin is targeting civilians, residential buildings, kindergartens and orphanages using banned vacuum and cluster weapons. Putin has taken control of Chernobyl and has bombed Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plants, creating massive risk of large scale global contamination that could be ten times worse than the 1986 Chernobyl accident. Russian forces are using the same scorched earth techniques they used in Chechnya and Syria to destroy towns in Ukraine and lay siege to our cities. Almost 2 million have already fled to seek refuge in eastern Europe. This illegal war marks the most rapidly advancing humanitarian crisis in history. The scale of this past week's destruction, suffocation of Ukraine's economy, and violation of human rights in a peaceful country of over 40 million people has no parallel in my lifetime.

As we all look for ways to help, I am asking you and members of the Credit Union National Association to do your part. I kindly ask you all to show continued great leadership in recognizing that not only is there a substantial risk for your investments and economic security, but also a moral imperative. Ukraine and the United States have a commitment to uphold rule of law, international law and human rights. Today is the ultimate test of those commitments. It is time to ensure these words translate into deeds. This has become an ethical imperative.

The fastest way to end the war is to stop doing business in Russia, divest Russian assets and refuse to finance Putin's regime in any way. Both governments and business must take a stand. History will reflect our choices.

And of course Ukraine desperately needs financial and humanitarian assistance and we would be highly grateful for all the support the Credit Union National Association could provide to our country.

On behalf of the courageous freedom loving Ukrainian people, I thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,


Oksana Markarova
Ambassador of Ukraine to the USA