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March 4, 2022

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500-0005

Dear Mr. President,

I write to urge you to immediately ban the importation of Russian oil and gas and strengthen sanctions against the Russian energy sector in response to Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine.

The American people have watched in horror as the Russian armed forces have violated the security and stability of Europe on the largest scale since the Second World War. American leadership from both sides of the aisle is indispensable to the defeat of this aggressor. Yet, the United States is currently leaving powerful tools on the table and adopting a "wait and see" approach while our Ukrainian allies are fighting for their lives.

As you are aware, the economic lifeblood of the Russian economy remains its ability to export oil and gas around the globe. Your Administration's announced sanctions, while a productive first step, do nothing to address this central pillar of Putin's power and influence amidst his blatant attempt to conquer an ally of the United States. Not only do American imports of Russian energy fund the illegal invasion and occupation of Ukraine, but such imports also give Putin access to billions of dollars in foreign reserve currency, preserving his ability to engage in global commerce.

Mr. President, the people of Ukraine need our total support. The United States must immediately implement a ban on the importation of Russian oil and gas.

The American people should never have to choose between our fundamental values and the needs of our families. Our current purchases of Russian energy puts us in this unfortunate situation. America should not be funding a murderous and hostile regime.

I ask that you consult the Department of the Treasury as soon as possible on best practices for including the Russian energy sector in any and all American sanction

efforts and to consult with our allies and NATO partners on their efforts to do so. The American dollar remains the world's strongest and most effective currency. We cannot allow one cent to get into the hands of Putin.

I urge your immediate attention and action on this matter. The American and Ukrainian people deserve nothing less.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark E. Green". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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