



**Letter To The
President-Elect Of The
United States and
Congress:**

**Strengthening the
U.S.-Ukraine Defense
Technology
Partnership**



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An Open Letter to the President-Elect of the United States: Strengthening the U.S.-Ukraine Defense Technology Partnership

1. Preamble

The U.S.-Ukraine defense technology partnership is a critical component of global security and the protection of democratic values. In a world where authoritarian aggression threatens stability, Ukraine has emerged as a frontline defender, demonstrating remarkable resilience and technological innovation. Ukraine is committed to defending its sovereignty and contributing to the collective security of the U.S. and its allies.

We, the undersigned, urge you, as President-Elect, to prioritize and strengthen this partnership. By enhancing U.S. support for Ukraine's domestic defense industry and deepening strategic cooperation, we can ensure a more secure, stable world—one where democratic nations stand united in the face of common threats. Now is the time to act decisively, investing in a future where security and freedom prevail.

2. Ukraine's Strategic Role in Global Security

Ukraine is a frontline defender against aggression and a vital contributor to global security through the capabilities of its domestic defense industry. Military support from the US and its allies is crucial for Ukraine in its fight against Russian aggression.

- **While military aid for Ukraine has largely gone to funding the defense industries of allies, Ukraine has significant underutilized capacity to bolster its own defense production.** Building on its legacy as the primary defense industrial base of the Soviet Union, Ukraine has rapidly scaled military production since the full-scale invasion, and, with appropriate resources, it could produce much more.
- **Ukraine's battlefield innovations in unmanned systems, precision munitions, and electronic warfare capabilities are reshaping modern warfare, allowing smaller forces to counter larger adversaries with agility.** These rapid advancements in asymmetric warfare demonstrate Ukraine's potential as a vital partner for NATO, offering cutting-edge military solutions to strengthen global security.
- **As the free world faces constrained supply chains and a rising dependence on China, Ukraine's defense industry and its vast mineral reserves are strategically important.** Integrating Ukraine into NATO's supply chains would enhance manufacturing efficiency and create a stronger deterrent against future aggression. Ukraine's innovations are not only crucial



to its defense but to the global fight for democracy and freedom, securing its role as a key player in the future of defense strategy.¹

3. Mutual Benefits of Strengthened Cooperation

Enhancing the U.S.-Ukraine partnership brings significant strategic and economic advantages to both nations. It reinforces Ukraine's sovereignty, while strengthening U.S. national security and the global defense framework.

- **Strengthened regional stability aligns with U.S. national security interests, and Ukraine plays a pivotal role in ensuring that stability.** Integrating Ukraine into NATO would enhance the alliance's ability to deter Russian aggression and strengthen NATO's collective defense, ensuring peace in Europe and preventing conflicts from spreading to allied territories.²
- **Economically, joint ventures in Ukraine's defense sector offer U.S. companies access** to a skilled workforce and expertise in rapidly developing military technologies. These partnerships would boost Ukraine's production capabilities while creating new opportunities for U.S. businesses.³
- **Collaboration accelerates innovation benefiting global defense capabilities.** The exchange of expertise between the U.S. and Ukraine has already proven effective in developing advanced military technologies. Strengthening this cooperation will further drive innovation, keeping both nations at the forefront of global security advancements.⁴

4. Urgent Need for U.S. Investment and Support

Immediate U.S. investment is crucial to address resource gaps and enable Ukraine to effectively contribute to global security. Ukraine's defense industry presents one of the most cost-effective and strategically significant opportunities for U.S. investment. By investing in Ukraine now, the U.S. can strengthen a key ally while securing critical military assets that enhance both regional and global security.⁵

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- **The strategic impact of investing \$10 billion in Ukraine's defense industry is tremendous.** Prior to the war, China attempted to acquire Motor Sich, the sole manufacturer of helicopter engines for Russian helicopters, for less than \$1 billion. This example highlights how undervalued Ukraine's military assets have been in global markets. A U.S. investment of \$10 billion could not only modernize these essential facilities but also prevent adversaries from gaining control of critical technologies. This is just one example of the vast potential that targeted U.S. investment can unlock, strengthening Ukraine's defense capabilities and reinforcing global security.
- **Overcoming challenges through supportive U.S. policies and risk mitigation.** Investing in Ukraine's defense industry is not without challenges, particularly in a conflict zone. However, these challenges can be reduced through targeted U.S. policies such as risk insurance mechanisms and government-backed guarantees. These measures will enable U.S. investors to unlock the full potential of Ukraine's defense sector, ensuring that the country remains a valuable partner in global security.

5. Conclusion

The U.S.-Ukraine defense partnership is not just a regional concern; it is a crucial pillar of global security and the defense of democratic values. By investing in Ukraine's defense capabilities and integrating them into the broader Western defense ecosystem, the United States will ensure both nations remain at the forefront of modern military innovation and strategy. This partnership offers immense benefits, including enhanced security, economic growth through joint ventures, high-wage job creation, and accelerated technological leadership in defense.

Call to Action:

We urge the President-Elect to take decisive action to strengthen this partnership by facilitating U.S. investments, promoting joint ventures that leverage Ukraine's manufacturing capabilities, and supporting Ukraine's alignment with NATO standards.

We the undersigned stand ready to collaborate, support these efforts, and ensure that together we can secure a future grounded in shared security and freedom.

Time is of the essence, and immediate, sustained investment is essential for the benefit of the global democratic order.

Respectfully,

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