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Dear Secretaries Yellen, Blinken and Raimondo,


Consistent with President Zelenskyy's request, please help my office to identify businesses in my district that do business with Russia. We must choke off any monetary encouragement of Putin's war machine and discourage all domestic commerce with Russia.

Our campaign of maximum pressure and sanctions has demonstrated the strength of the United States coordinated effort with our our Allies, when we work together to challenge megalomaniacs like Putin. The American people and those around the world stand with the Ukrainian people and our efforts to undermine Putin's abilities to fund an illegitimate war. In addition to sanctions, military and humanitarian aid, another tool we have available, as elected and appointed leaders, is to lead morally and call on others to go above and beyond what the law requires to ensure democracy is safeguarded. We must enlist the business community, and its leaders, to put country and freedom before profit.

Through persuasion and public pressure, we can lead a campaign to shut off all commerce with Russia. Just as our efforts have been maximized by working together with our allies, the effectiveness of a public pressure campaign can be maximized through a coordinated effort with you and your Departments.

I welcome assistance to identify business in my district and throughout my state that do business with Russia and look forward to working with you to utilize all levers at our disposal to aid the Ukrainian people.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas R. Suozzi  
Member of Congress