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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3011
March 24, 2014

The Honorable Barack Obama
The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I share your objective of deterring Russian aggression and supporting the Ukrainian people.

Among the tools at your disposal is to designate Ukraine as a "Major Non NATO Ally" (MNNA). As you are well aware, the MNNA designation makes a nation eligible, to the maximum extent feasible:

- 1) for priority delivery of excess defense articles if it is on the South or Southeastern flank of NATO. (FAA §516);
- 2) to have U.S.-owned War Reserve Stockpiles on its territory outside of U.S. military installations. (FAA §514));
- 3) to enter into agreements with the USG for the cooperative furnishing of training on a bilateral or multilateral basis under reciprocal financial arrangements that may exclude reimbursement for indirect costs and certain other charges. (AECA §21(g));
- 4) to use U.S. provided Foreign Military Financing for commercial leasing of certain defense articles. (Section 589 of the FY01 Foreign Operations Appropriation Act, Public Law 106-429);
- 5) for loans of materials, supplies and equipment for cooperative R&D projects and testing and evaluation. (AECA §65)

Mr. President, as you continue your diplomatic efforts and consider additional sanctions against the Russian Federation and its leadership, designating Ukraine as a Major Non NATO Ally would send a distinct signal to the aggressors while setting in place procedures by which the United States can help the Ukrainian people defend themselves.

It has been said that the West won the Cold War "without firing a shot." History must not record that we lost this confrontation without lifting a finger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rodney Frelinghuysen", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Rodney Frelinghuysen
Member of Congress

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