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Reparations to Ukraine

WHEREAS, a majority of Americans and a majority of Congress want to help Ukraine win the war against Russia and to stop the spread of autocracy into Europe; and

WHEREAS, the bipartisan Rebuilding Economic Prosperity and Opportunity for Ukraine Act (HR 4175, S2003) in the US Congress takes important steps to repair the war's damage (1) (2); and

WHEREAS, a majority of people in the European Union and a majority of EU leaders want the same support for Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, a far-right faction of the Republican Party has successfully blocked a new spending bill for many months; and

WHEREAS, at the very beginning of conflict, the US, the EU, the United Kingdom and other democratic governments jointly froze more than \$300 billion in questionable sovereign assets from Russia (1); and

WHEREAS, Russia has perpetrated genocidal violence, and massive infrastructure damage to Ukraine and, therefore, lost any standing to complain about the violation of its sovereignty or property rights;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we urge our US Senators, Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell and our US Congressional delegation to support the transfer of this \$300 billion to Ukraine as a reasonable down payment on the reparations Russia owes to Ukraine for the devastation it has caused; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to Senator Patty Murray, Senator Maria Cantwell and Washington's Democratic representatives, including Representative Rick Larsen with thanks for his sponsorship of HR4175.

(1) <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/4175?s=1&r=26>

(2) https://www.foreign.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/06-14-23_repo_act.pdf

(3) <http://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2023/12/ukraine-russia-frozen-assets/67390/>

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Sam Rise, Chair

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