

TO: Ms. Ramirez, House Foreign Affairs Committee Representative

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SUBJECT: U.S. Policies That May Be Able to Save Ukraine

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This memo will provide three policy options. These policy options will be specifically in benefit towards Ukraine in an attempt to help in dire times. Options will not include sanctions or acts toward Russia. I will also provide both background information and current data on Ukraine's situation. I will also provide costs and benefits for each policy option presented. This is all in an attempt to help Ukraines situation and provide support.

Putin declared on the morning of February 24 that Russia will undertake a "special military operation" in the Donbas and a full-scale invasion into Ukraine.

Although Ukraine is a sovereign state, they are not a part of the European Union or NATO. This leaves Ukraine on their own without military help or assistance. This doesn't mean other countries can't help. Numerous other countries have placed tariffs on Russia and their officials. This isn't the only option in helping Ukraine. Here are three policies that may help Ukraine.

The first policy I will state is the option of sending money to Ukraine. The amount will be decided by higher officials. This can be in the form of financial help in this form, or in something more specific including security and non-security assistance. In addition, the United States could also provide sovereign loans subsidized into three parts. Now, sending money as financial help

could benefit Ukraine. Although this gives Ukraine the freedom to put this help wherever they choose. I think it would be smarter to put it towards something beneficial such as security and non-security assistance.

The second policy option I'll propose is either weapons funding or supplying weapons to the country of Ukraine. This is in hopes to fight off Russia using force. Although the U.S. is firmly against using our own military force we can supply U.S. weapons. Again, money can be sent to help produce weapons but there is not time for that. The best option would be to send weapons already held by the U.S. This would benefit Ukraine because of the increase in fire power, but would harm the U.S.' supply of weaponry.

The last policy option I will provide is in the form of humanitarian assistance on top of what the U.S. already provides. Internally displaced individuals and the more than three million refugees afflicted by Russia's deliberate, unprovoked, and unlawful war in Ukraine would receive extra humanitarian aid from the U.S. This will offer further assistance to humanitarian groups responding to the crisis, as well as complement the surrounding nations' compassion in embracing and helping refugees. The benefit is helping the Ukrainian people and refugees. The cost for the U.S. would be financial loss.

One question to ask the committee is “what is Ukraine in dire need of at this very moment”. If this question can be answered and agreed upon then a policy option can be chosen.

Overall this memo provided three policy options. These options included financial assistance, weapons funding, and humanitarian assistance. These policy options were carefully thought out in hopes of specifically aiding Ukraine during this unprecedented war.