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Dear Mr. Speaker,

We want to wholeheartedly thank you for your personal leadership in setting the path for the Congress to demonstrate historic bipartisan unity in support of the collective efforts to assist Ukraine. Europe is taking historic steps to strengthen its defence capabilities, but this inevitably takes time – time that Ukraine does not have. That is why US aid is indispensable at this crucial juncture before Europe's ability to defend itself has come into its own and we do even more to help Ukraine.

We are counting on Congress to make the right decision and approve the assistance package to Ukraine that it so urgently needs. For the sake of standing up to tyrants and aggressors and for the sake of our collective security. Supporting Ukraine is an investment in our collective secure future. As you yourself put it, there are moments in time when we simply have to do the right thing, even if it is difficult.

Our joint assistance has helped to stop the aggressor and liberate a large share of previously occupied territories of Ukraine. But the Russia threat continues to be imminent, which is why we welcome the USA's convincing leadership and dedication to freedom and security in Europe in this joint effort. The Baltic Security Initiative is but one example – one which we cannot be more thankful for. The US has consistently demonstrated strong bipartisan support for Ukraine's victory in its fight against the Russian invasion.

Today, the world is rapidly moving towards the destruction of the world order. We feel this more and more every day in Europe as Russia and other malign actors use every and all, including hybrid, tools at their disposal to destabilize us. We see it as our responsibility and our task to prevent this descent into chaos and impunity, and therefore our countries are committed to further increasing our support to Ukraine and its defense forces, seeing it as a considerable investment in our individual and collective security. The axis of evil must be defeated, and all perpetrators brought to justice. This will serve as a significant deterrent to further conflicts and will return a sense of control and security to our peoples.

With faith in our common democratic values, sincerely yours

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