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Honorable Volodymyr Groysman
Chairman
Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Dear Hon. Groysman,

On behalf of the House Democracy Partnership (HDP), we wish to invite the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine to participate in a cooperative assistance program with the U.S. House of Representatives. This agreement would revive the previous relationship that existed between the House Democracy Assistance Commission and the Rada between 2006 and 2011. Reestablishing this formal partnership would enable U.S. Members of Congress and congressional staff to work directly with their counterparts in the Verkhovna Rada, both in Kiev and in Washington. Following our successful visit to Kiev in June of this year, our membership is in unanimous agreement that the Verkhovna Rada will be an excellent partner for the Partnership's work.

The House of Representatives, and the American people, are committed to the right of Ukrainians to live and work without the influence or fear of external forces. The promise of a free Ukraine, with properly functioning and independent institutions, is vital to American interests and the interests of all who support democracy around the world.

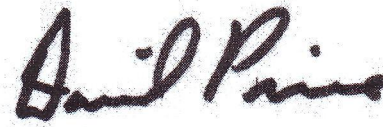
As we begin planning our 2016 activities, please know continued engagement with Ukraine is at the top of our agenda and we are committed to strengthening the relationship between the Verkhovna Rada and the House of Representatives through in-person dialogue.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your colleagues in the Verkhovna Rada and thank you in advance for your assistance in furthering this important mission.

Sincerely,



Peter Roskam
Member of Congress



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