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The struggle of man for freedom of opportunity and development through the years of recorded history always has been inspiring. The Ukrainians are carrying on a great tradition and have our support.

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The Honorable Gerald R. Ford, Jr.
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Dear Congressman Ford:

On Thursday, January 22, friends of freedom everywhere will be observing the 41st anniversary of the independence of Ukraine. In the profound faith that Moscow's deceitful campaign of "smiles and trade" could never cause you to forget the aspirations of the captive nations and their fundamental importance to the security of our Nation, we respectfully ask that you join with us in this observance.

Today, more so than in years past, your statement on the floor and in the Record, commemorating this event, will help enormously to keep the spirit of freedom alive in the hearts of 40 million Ukrainians. Your message in behalf of this captive nation will serve notice, too, of your sustained faith in the eventual liberation of all nations enslaved by imperialist Moscow. It will also clearly demonstrate to the Menshikovs, Mikoyans, and Khrushchevs that American memories of their crimes and our standards of civilized decency and justice cannot be erased by their calculated genteel antics or by spurious promises of trade.

The reception given Mr. Mikoyan by some of our wealthy Americans is food for serious thought. It indicates the spiritual climate in some quarters. Twenty years ago, the Nazi, Dr. Hajlmer Schact, was completely ignored for what he represented. Today, despite his personal crimes, the Armenian quisling is widely feted. The thousands of patriotic Armenians, Azerbaijani, Don and Kuban Cossacks who were annihilated by his orders in 1917-21; the millions of Ukrainians who starved to death in the man-made famine of the 30's while Mikoyan shipped grains abroad; the role he played in the liquidation of Hungarian patriots - these and other facts no longer seem to bestir the consciences of some of us. Only two months ago, before the Moscow City Soviet, Mikoyan delivered a violent anti-American speech; today, without self-respect, some accept him as a deliverer of peace.

Your message on the captive nation of Ukraine will be greatly appreciated as a message with an American conscience, not to say one of political sagacity. We shall be most grateful for it and, in gratitude, shall deliver to you this Friday an interesting brochure on Ukraine's quest for freedom.

Sincerely yours,

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