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President Trump:

As National Nurses United (NNU), the largest union of registered nurses in the country with over 225,000 members, we stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian people, and we urge the United States to demand a permanent ceasefire, withdrawal of all Russian forces, diplomatic negotiations that respect Ukrainian sovereignty, and just and lasting peace in the country.

As nurses and trade unionists, we are committed to upholding democracy in our workplaces and globally, and we stand alongside workers throughout the world in firm opposition to war and militarism, which endanger democracy and threaten the health, safety, and well-being of all workers. The violence inflicted by the Russian government will cause deep and lasting harm in both of these respects across generations and borders. From the 2014 Russian Intervention in Ukraine, to the 2022 Russian invasion, to the ongoing violence committed against the Ukrainian people, numerous human rights violations and crimes under international law have been committed. Amnesty International has documented direct attacks on hospitals and health care facilities, civilian infrastructure, enforced disappearances, torture, unlawful deprivation of liberty, and forcible transfer and deportation of civilians^{1,2}. We urge the United States to approach the ongoing conflict with diplomacy and negotiate toward a permanent ceasefire to ensure the security, prosperity, and wellbeing of the Ukrainian people.

¹ WATSON, JIM, and EMMANUEL DUNAND. "USA/Russia: In Ukraine talks with Putin, Trump must demand justice, accountability and an end to human rights violations." *Amnesty International*, 15 August 2025, <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2025/08/usa-russia-in-ukraine-talks-with-putin-trump-must-demand-justice-accountability-and-an-end-to-human-rights-violations/>

² "Ukraine: Major Damage to Children's Hospital by Direct Russian Missile Hit, Dozens Killed across the Country." *Amnesty International*, 8 July 2024, www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2024/07/ukraine-major-damage-to-childrens-hospital-by-direct-russian-missile-hit-dozens-killed-across-the-country/.

The United States can play a critical role in advocating for a permanent ceasefire and finally putting an end to the war in Ukraine. Going forward, we demand the U.S. government refrain from using sanctions as a tool for negotiations and instead seek a diplomatic resolution to the war. As trade unionists, we know the economic harms inflicted by the sanctions have been felt most by working people, strained the global economy, and failed to stop Russia's war on Ukraine. Additionally, as nurses, we know sanctions can endanger the lives and well-being of patients by preventing access to vital medications as well as medical supplies and equipment.

War will always be catastrophic, and trade unionists and working people across the world have a shared interest in advocating for peace and national security that is rooted in advancing the well-being of everyone. We stand with the Ukrainian people in their fight for full sovereignty, and, in closing, we reiterate our call for a permanent ceasefire, withdrawal of all Russian forces, and just and lasting peace in the country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Puneet Maharaj". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

Puneet Maharaj
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