

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 19, 2026

The Honorable Markwayne Mullin
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
2707 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Mullin,

We are writing to respectfully urge the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to ensure that Ukrainian nationals lawfully present in the United States, particularly those with Temporary Protected Status (TPS), are able to safely access and attend their immigration court hearings, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) interviews and other required legal appointments.

Ukraine's TPS designation, originally set to expire on October 19th, 2026, appears to have been extended by operation of law through April 19, 2027¹, following DHS's failure to issue a timely determination before the statutory review deadline. The lack of clear implementing guidance has created uncertainty for Ukrainian TPS holders, their employers, and the agencies responsible for administering immigration benefits. If this extension is now in place, we believe it is the right moment to ensure that the process surrounding TPS, and surrounding immigration proceedings more broadly, functions as Congress intended: that individuals who are complying with the law and appearing as required are able to do so without obstruction.

We also urge the Department to formally redesignate Ukraine for TPS. A redesignation would extend eligibility to Ukrainians who arrived in the United States after the current designation's cutoff date, but who fled the same war under the same circumstances and would give affected individuals clarity regarding their status. Those who came to our shores fleeing violence and instability deserve the opportunity to rebuild their lives and go through our country's legal processes.

Therefore, we respectfully urge DHS to:

- Issue guidance to ICE field offices and USCIS confirming that Ukrainian TPS holders in good standing should not be subject to civil immigration arrest at or immediately following court hearings, USCIS interviews, or other scheduled appointments undertaken in compliance with their legal process, consistent with the June 2026 ruling.
- Ensure that any enforcement action involving a Ukrainian TPS holder is carried out with full due process, including proper notice and access to counsel.

¹ Ukraine Immigration Task Force. (2026, August 21). Ukraine's TPS is extended for another 6 months by operation of Law. Ukraine Immigration Task Force. <https://ukrainetaskforce.org/ukraine-s-tps-is-extended-for-another-6-months-by-operation-of-law/>

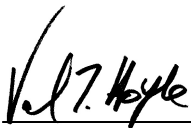
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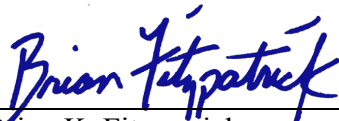
- Provide our offices with the current number of Ukrainian nationals in ICE custody, the circumstances of their arrest, and the status of their pending immigration cases, so that Congress can conduct appropriate oversight of how this population is being treated during the current extension period.

Ukrainians who sought refuge in the United States after Russia's illegal invasion did so through lawful channels established by our own government. Ensuring they can safely navigate the legal process we created for them, without fear of being detained for simply showing up, is a matter of due process. We appreciate your attention to this request and welcome the opportunity to discuss it further with your staff.

Sincerely,



Val Hoyle
Member of Congress



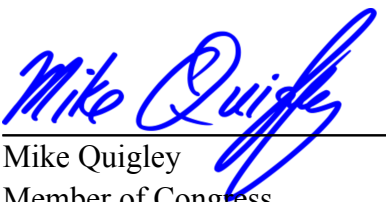
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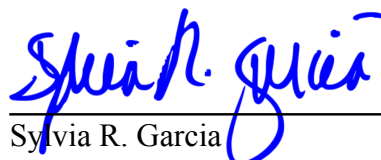
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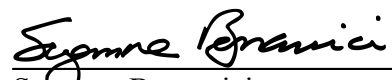
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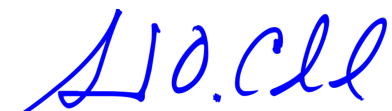
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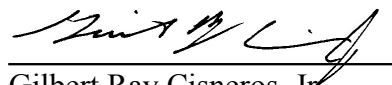
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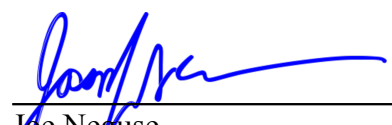
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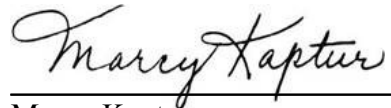
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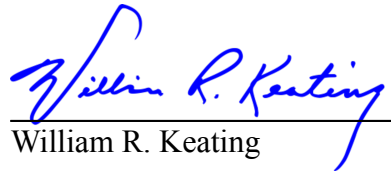
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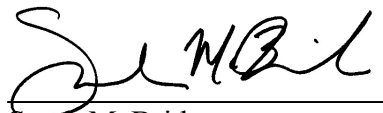
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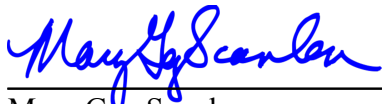
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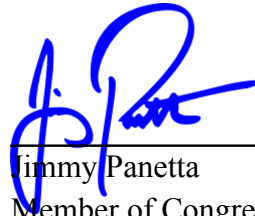
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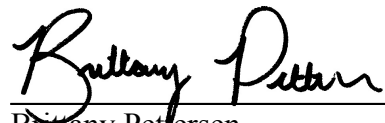
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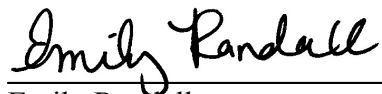
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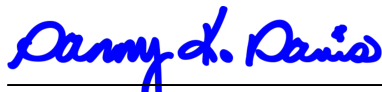
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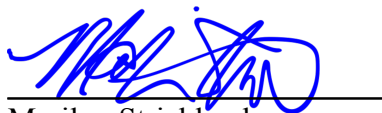
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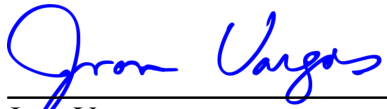
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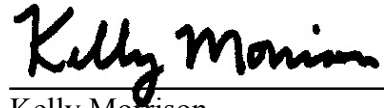
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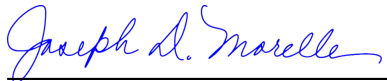
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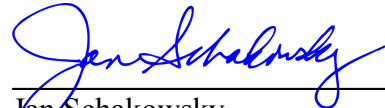
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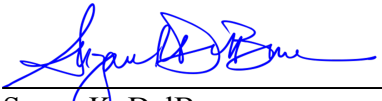
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