

Dear Committee Members:

I pushed back on 2022 Session's SJ0011 bill (Solidarity with the Government & People of Ukraine) because I didn't understand the rationale for spending the State of Maryland's time and resources on such a bill, especially considering the *domestic* problems we were facing at the time. Fast-forward, we have now given them over 100 BILLION in tax-payer dollars with no accountability for where those dollars have gone. Now our domestic and national security problems are 1000 times worse, but we are still sending billions over there.

If not stated specifically in the bill, I must question what else exactly could "commitment" and "partnership" with Taiwan mean? Maryland legislators need to focus on Maryland, please. Until these questions and concerns are answered and addressed, I am in opposition to this bill.

Thank you.

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