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Dear Home Secretary

Re: ILR Pathway for Ukrainian Refugees in the UK

We are writing to urge the government to take the necessary steps to provide Ukrainian refugees in the UK with the stability and security they deserve by establishing a clear pathway to Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR).

Nearly four years have passed since Russia's invasion, and Ukrainian families in the UK continue to endure profound uncertainty. Many have already built meaningful lives here, working in essential sectors, contributing to our economy, and integrating into our communities. Yet, their futures remain precarious due to the temporary nature of their current settlement status.

This has a severe impact on their lives in the UK. Reports suggest that Ukrainians are missing out on job opportunities, loans, mortgages, and lease renewals all because they do not have a pathway to permanent settlement. Not only does this put them at a material disadvantage, but the pressures of securing housing and financial security under the current visa system puts refugees through unnecessary anxiety. Their country is already at war – it is deeply unfair to put Ukrainians through further stress.

Ukrainians have also explained that the uncertainty around their temporary immigration status is affecting their family life and their children's education. Many are unable to plan properly for schooling because they do not know whether they may be required to leave the UK in the near future. Families are deeply worried about the disruption this could cause to their children's learning.

The Ukrainian scheme remains the only humanitarian scheme not to include a pathway to permanent settlement. Ukrainians in this country will not be able to live with the certainty and security they deserve until this is rectified, so it is vital that the government provides them with a clear pathway to settlement.

Yours sincerely,

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