



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6501

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Volodymyr Zelenskyy
President of Ukraine
Embassy of Ukraine
3350 M St NW, Washington, DC 20007

Dear President Zelenskyy:

I demand that you immediately fire Ukraine's Ambassador to the United States, Oksana Markarova.

As you have said, Ukrainians have tried to avoid being "captured by American domestic politics," and "influencing the choices of the American people" ahead of the November election. Clearly that objective was abandoned this week when Ambassador Markarova organized an event in which you toured an American manufacturing site.

The facility was in a politically contested battleground state, was led by a top political surrogate for Kamala Harris, and failed to include a single Republican because – on purpose – no Republicans were invited. The tour was clearly a partisan campaign event designed to help Democrats and is clearly election interference. This shortsighted and intentionally political move has caused Republicans to lose trust in Ambassador Markarova's ability to fairly and effectively serve as a diplomat in this country. She should be removed from her post immediately.

Additionally, as I have clearly stated in the past, all foreign nations should avoid opining on or interfering in American domestic politics. Support for ending Russia's war against Ukraine continues to be bipartisan, but our relationship is unnecessarily tested and needlessly tarnished when the candidates at the top of the Republican presidential ticket are targeted in the media by officials in your government.

These incidents cannot be repeated. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter, and I trust you will take immediate action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Johnson".

MIKE JOHNSON
Speaker of the House