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Dear Mr. President,

As Mayor of Warren the third largest city in Michigan, I would like to express my support of your strong leadership to unite the various countries of the world including NATO to oppose the unwarranted military incursion into Ukraine. Our community is representative of the growing diversity in America and that includes a strong Ukrainian population. Since Vladimir Putin and the Russian army he commands launched their vicious invasion of Ukraine, we in Warren have been praying for peace and safety for those innocent people of Ukraine. It is difficult for Ukraine family members to watch as their homeland is destroyed beyond recognition.

While we all marvel at the bravery of the leadership of Ukraine, from President Zelensky to every man and woman defending their homeland, our hearts also break at the thought of the millions of children, senior citizens, and other innocents put at risk by this senseless war. We in Warren want to help.

Millions of Ukrainian citizens have been displaced and have become refugees overwhelming friendly nations like Poland, Hungary, Moldova, Romania and Slovakia. I understand that we must be careful here in America, but I also believe we have an opportunity to welcome refugees, particularly those with families in our nation, to the safety of our shores. I have already spoken with many families here in Warren, as well as other cities, who are more than prepared to open their homes and to welcome those fleeing the war. With the situation as desperate as it is in Ukraine, I am asking that you to do whatever is within your authority to expedite the situation so frightened refugees can find the loving embrace of family here in Warren instead of the threat of war and terror in Europe. I agree that action in the skies would lead to World War III and the possibility of nuclear war, but helping the millions of refugees and particularly those who have relatives in America is something that can and should be done!

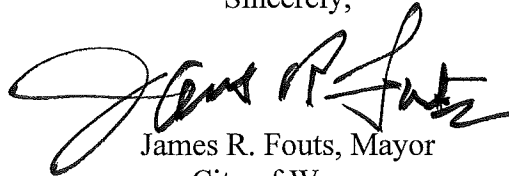
Poland and other eastern European countries are overwhelmed with refugees and thus I am appealing to your empathy and humanity to cut the red tape and allow refugees from Ukraine to find safety and comfort in America.

On Thursday, March 16, 2022 I was proud to stand with Ukrainian American citizens of Warren as we raised the flag of Ukraine over our city hall to show the unity we share with the Ukrainian people.

I have also instructed those who oversee our two pension systems in Warren for city employees along with the police and fire departments to divest of any companies with connections to Putin's Russia. We in Warren do not want to have Russian blood money funding our pensions.

I thank you for your resolute and firm leadership at this time of great peril for so many in this world. You should know the great people of the city of Warren and Michigan are ready to step forward and do our part. I ask again, that you to expedite this effort to bring the refugees to the United States, Michigan, and Warren so that they can find the peace and security that everyone has a right to. You are a compassionate President and I trust you will give serious thought and consideration to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Fouts". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "F".

James R. Fouts, Mayor
City of Warren

P.S. I also appreciate your decisive leadership in going after the billionaire oligarchs of Russia. May God be with you!