

RAZOM WE STAND

To: **Humza Yousaf**
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Dear Mr Yousaf,

In anticipation of the upcoming election of First Minister of Scotland, on behalf of Razom We Stand - a Ukrainian organization that was established to support [Stand With Ukraine](#) campaign focused [on creating a strong embargo on Russian fossil fuels](#) and [ceasing all investments into the Russian fossil fuel industry](#), I am writing to urge you to continue and strengthen the successful policies of the Scottish government in the fight against financing Russia in their aggressive war against Ukraine.

As you are likely aware, Russia has consistently carried out aggressive attacks against civilians in my homeland of Ukraine, including thousands of well documented war crimes. It is especially the [Russian export of fossil fuels which funds these war crimes](#), causing daily deaths and horrible human suffering across Ukraine.

Not that long ago the Scottish Government took a decision in a case on state support for oil and gas firm [Baker Hughes](#), which was provided with [grants of £4.9 million of taxpayers' money](#), via Scottish Enterprise, while [Baker Hughes](#) continued to trade with Russia after the invasion of Ukraine began 24 February 2022. Scandalous reports detail that Baker Hughes had filed £21 million worth of import registrations with the Russian customs office in September 2022. This was the time frame in which Baker Hughes [received £4.9 million](#) from the Scottish government.

Ending all such government support for businesses, who have collaboration with Russia, sets a shining example that makes Scotland a model for other countries (for example, Germany), whose governments continue providing funds to support companies that still trade with Russia.

Reflecting on previous Scottish Government achievements of meeting the goal of ending Russia's war in Ukraine, we call on you as a candidate for First Minister of Scotland to:

- Commit to upholding and expanding on First Minister Nicola Sturgeon's strong record of showing solidarity with the people of Ukraine in condemning Russian aggression;
- outline what steps you will take to investigate whether any other public monies paid out by the Scottish Government were used to subsidize businesses based in Scotland that continued cooperation with Russia;
- end support for any business who still has ongoing cooperation with Russia;

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- actively pressure the UK Government to impose a windfall tax on profits made by businesses anywhere in the UK collaborating with Russia after 24 February 2022, and directing this money into support for rebuilding Ukraine with clean energy.

We hope for your active support in withholding Scottish taxpayer money from businesses collaborating with the aggressive Russian terrorist state, its military, and the war crimes they perpetuate. We look forward to hearing your reply.

King regards,

Dr. Svitlana Romanko

Founder and Director
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