

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2024

**Statement on Senate Passage of National Security Supplemental Appropriations
Legislation**

April 23, 2024

Tonight a bipartisan majority in the Senate joined the House to answer history's call at this critical inflection point. Congress has passed my legislation to strengthen our national security and send a message to the world about the power of American leadership: We stand resolutely for democracy and freedom, and against tyranny and oppression.

I will sign this bill into law and address the American people as soon as it reaches my desk tomorrow so we can begin sending weapons and equipment to Ukraine this week. The need is urgent: for Ukraine, facing unrelenting bombardment from Russia; for Israel, which just faced unprecedented attacks from Iran; for refugees and those impacted by conflicts and natural disasters around the world, including in Gaza, Sudan, and Haiti; and for our partners seeking security and stability in the Indo-Pacific. I want to thank Leader Schumer, Leader McConnell, and all of the bipartisan lawmakers in the Senate who voted for this bill. This critical legislation will make our Nation and world more secure as we support our friends who are defending themselves against terrorists like Hamas and tyrants like Putin.

NOTE: The statement referred to President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin of Russia; and H.R. 815.

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Names: McConnell, A. Mitchell; Putin, Vladimir Vladimirovich; Schumer, Charles E.

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