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February 28, 2022

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
225 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf:

We are asking you to issue an executive order to end and/or divest all holdings, procurements, or economic relationships that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania – as a state government entity - has with Russia.

Your request and then action by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board was a good first step, but we should be identifying and severing all connections between the Commonwealth and Russia.

Pennsylvania, with one of the largest populations of Americans claiming Ukrainian ancestry, should not help to fund this illegal, unprovoked Russian invasion of a sovereign democracy. Instead, we should join the defense of Ukraine and participate in leveling sanctions. It's simply the right thing to do.

House Resolution 175, circulated last week and introduced today, asked for this action - but you can do it immediately.

We look forward to your swift action on this matter.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Ryan A. Bizarro in black ink.

RYAN A. BIZZARRO
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
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Handwritten signature of Robert F. Matzie in black ink.

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Co-Sponsorship: BIZZARRO - Divesting PA from Russian Holdings

Posted: February 25, 2022 9:35 AM

To: All House Members

From: Representative Ryan A. Bizzarro and Representative Robert F. Matzie, Representative Pam Snyder

Subject: Divesting PA from Russian Holdings

This unprovoked Russian attack on Ukraine is the first attempt of one nation to violently overtake another since WWII.

In support of our national and global efforts to force Russia to cease fire, we are introducing a resolution to divest all Pennsylvania investments in Russian companies and holdings.

This is something Pennsylvania can do to stand with our allies and ensure that Russia feels the full economic effect of this egomaniac's aggression.

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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Pennsylvania School Employees Retirement System,
2 State Employees Retirement System and the Pennsylvania
3 Treasury to immediately divest any and all holdings in
4 Russian held, backed or managed companies, real estate and
5 equity investments and to sever ties with any brokerage firm,
6 bank or investment company held, backed or managed by Russia
7 or its citizens.

8 WHEREAS, Russia has attacked its neighbor, the sovereign
9 nation of Ukraine in an act of unprovoked imperialism; and

10 WHEREAS, The United States and its allies have enacted a
11 series of economic sanctions designed to inflict economic cost
12 on Russia; and

13 WHEREAS, These sanctions must be strictly enforced to curtail
14 Russia's appetite for further violence; and

15 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania must assist our allies in exacting this
16 economic cost; and

17 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania taxpayer dollars may be invested in
18 Russian held, backed, or managed companies, real estate and
19 equity investments; and

20 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania may do business with Russian held,

1 backed or managed firms, banks or investment companies;

2 therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives hereby encourage

4 the Pennsylvania School Employees Retirement System, State

5 Employees Retirement System, and the Pennsylvania Treasury to

6 immediately divest of any and all holdings in Russian held,

7 backed, or managed companies, real estate, and equity

8 investments; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage the

10 Pennsylvania School Employees Retirement System, State Employees

11 Retirement System and the Pennsylvania Treasury to sever ties

12 with any brokerage firm, bank or investment company held,

13 backed, or managed by Russia or its citizens.