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Terrence Healy  
Chairman  
Illinois State Board of Investment  
180 N. LaSalle Blvd, Suite 2015  
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Mr. Healy:

As the largest union of active and retired Illinois state employees, AFSCME is committed to the cause of justice both at home and abroad. We write today, as the people of Ukraine are under brutal military assault, to urge that the Illinois State Board of Investment act as swiftly as possible to divest any and all holdings it may have in assets with ties to Russia.

As you know, Russian President Vladimir Putin has violently attacked the people of Ukraine, its democracy, and its territorial integrity and embarked on a genocidal slaughter of civilians.

Ukrainians have fought back with courage and determination, providing an inspiring example to the rest of world. In the face of brutality and destruction, the people of Ukraine have stood up to defend their freedoms and their nation.

Led by the United States and our allies, strong economic sanctions imposed on Russia and on Putin personally will take a toll. But all of us must do our part to aid in this epic struggle.

To that end, AFSCME's international executive board has adopted a resolution supporting the prudent divestment of public pension fund assets from investments with ties to Russia. We call on the state Board of Investment to act now to do so.

This is truly a global emergency that compels all freedom-loving people of conscience to take urgent action to support the people of Ukraine.

Sincerely,

Roberta Lynch  
Executive Director

