

United States Senate

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The Honorable Janet Yellen
United States Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20220

The Honorable Antony Blinken
Department of State
2201 C Street, NW
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Dear Secretary Blinken and Secretary Yellen:

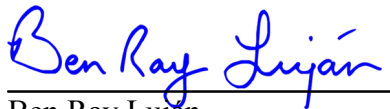
We write to urge you to impose sanctions on Russian potash imports under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. §1701 et seq) and Executive Order 14024 (April 15, 2021). Although some sanctions, price caps, and tariffs have been levied against Russia for their unprovoked invasion of Ukraine, U.S. purchases of Russian fertilizer continue to provide a significant source of revenue for the Russian economy. In fact, Russian shipments of potash to the United States are holding steady at pre-war levels. We must ensure that American dollars are not supporting a nation that is attacking its neighbor and a U.S. partner.

Sanctioning Russian potash will have the added benefit of bolstering domestic supply chains. With the right investments, North American potash companies can scale up production and enable the United States to reduce its dependence on hostile countries for its supply of critical minerals. Furthermore, this is a natural time to boost our agricultural supply chain resilience with potash prices roughly 30 percent lower than last year, having returned to pre-war pricing.

We must seek to end all U.S. involvement in the funding of Putin's war. Sanctioning potash imports is an important next step.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Ben Ray Lujan
United States Senator



Dan Sullivan
United States Senator



John Hickenlooper
United States Senator



Martin Heinrich
United States Senator