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Second Statement of the Ukrainian American Bar Association on the Matter of Lieut. Colonel Alexander Vindman

Today, Lieut. Colonel Alexander Vindman publicly testified before the House Intelligence Committee as to his knowledge regarding the Administration's communications with Ukraine. The line of cross-examination by Steve Castor, as counsel for the Republican House minority, was obviously intended to raise doubt as to the Lieut. Colonel Vindman's fealty to the United States solely because of his Ukrainian American heritage.

As attorneys, we all take a solemn oath to support the Constitution of the United States and the constitutions of the states to which we are admitted to the practice of law. We also have the moral obligation to faithfully discharge the duties of the office of attorney at law to the best of our ability. Endeavoring to undermine a witness's testimony merely because of his or her ethnicity is in direct contravention of this oath. Such behavior subverts the principles of the rule of law that our profession is sworn to uphold.

The Ukrainian American Bar Association has previously condemned such abhorrent innuendos against Lieut. Colonel Alexander Vindman that are clearly based solely on his heritage and place of birth. We reaffirm our condemnation of such deplorable conduct and call on all Americans to reject all forms of ethnic, racial, and religious degradation, defamation, and distrust.

The Officers and Governors of the Ukrainian American Bar Association

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