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## **The Ukrainian American Bar Association Joins Welcome.US Effort to Mobilize 100,000 Americans to Sponsor Ukrainians Seeking Refuge in the United States**

Today, following the announcement from the Biden-Harris Administration that people fleeing Ukraine will be eligible for humanitarian parole in the United States with a sponsor through a streamlined process starting Monday, April 25, 2022, the Ukrainian American Bar Association (UABA) joined Welcome.US in an initiative to mobilize 100,000 Americans to sponsor and welcome people fleeing the war in Ukraine and make it possible for them to come to the United States.

This partnership is comprised of a diverse coalition of public leaders and organizations. In addition to the UABA, the coalition includes Ukrainian American community organizations, resettlement agencies, service organizations, and other nongovernmental organizations with a long tradition of supporting newcomers.

**The UABA and Welcome.US are calling on Americans to step up as “Welcomers” by taking five key actions to help Ukrainians right now:**

- Learn more about directly sponsoring people fleeing the war in Ukraine and seeking refuge at [ukraine.welcome.us](https://ukraine.welcome.us).
- Be a Welcomer by signing up to get updates and connecting to volunteer opportunities and other ways to show your support.
- Make a donation to the [Welcome Fund](#), which allows Americans to easily donate to the nonprofit organizations working directly to address the most urgent needs of newcomers

rebuilding their lives in communities across the country. 100% of Welcome Fund donations support frontline organizations responding to Ukrainians, Afghans, and others fleeing their homelands as they build new lives in the United States.

- Offer to temporarily open your home to newcomers through Airbnb.org. You can also donate to Airbnb.org to help cover the costs of temporary housing for newcomers.
- Donate airline miles through Miles4Migrants so newcomers seeking refuge can access a free flight to their new home.

The White House announced today that United States Citizenship and Immigration Services will begin accepting applications for people fleeing Ukraine and seeking refuge for entry into the United States on humanitarian parole status with support from a U.S. citizen, permanent resident or other lawfully residing individuals serving as a sponsor – including representatives of non-government organizations. The Department of Homeland Security will be vetting all sponsors and beneficiaries.

### **About Welcome.US**

Welcome.US was founded to unite, inspire, and empower Americans to support those seeking refuge here, beginning with Afghan refugees evacuated to the United States after the fall of Kabul in August 2021.

To learn more about Welcome.US, please visit [welcome.us](https://welcome.us).