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## Zelensky Visits U.S., Requests More Money for Ukraine Conflict

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky is visiting the United States for a third time to request more military funding for the Ukraine conflict, and is meeting with President Joe Biden and U.S. lawmakers today.

Last week a \$110 billion national security supplemental funding bill failed to advance past the senate. The bill would have sent \$61 billion to Ukraine, more than \$14 billion to Israel, and \$20 billion for U.S. border security. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) is in support of providing more funding to Ukraine, but [asked Republicans to vote against the bill citing the U.S. border crisis](#). President Biden is requesting lawmakers to pass emergency funding for Ukraine before Congress goes on recess this week.



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Mitch McConnell, Volodymyr Zelensky, and Chuck Schumer

Director of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Shalanda D. Young [wrote in a letter to Congressional leadership](#) requesting additional weapons and funding to Ukraine, saying,

Cutting off the flow of U.S. weapons and equipment will kneecap Ukraine on the battlefield, not only putting at risk the gains Ukraine has made, but increasing the likelihood of Russian military victories.

In a speech today, [Zelensky threatened Moscow](#), saying,

Ukraine won in the Black Sea, yes, and now the Russian Black Sea fleet is partially destroyed or hidden in remote base.... Next year Ukraine will clear more shipping lanes, and by now it is not a secret that Ukraine's response to Russian barbarism can shake the ground in the heart of Moscow, its proof of our true strength.

Senator J.D. Vance (R-Ohio) [discussed funding the Ukraine conflict](#) on Steve Bannon's *War Room*, saying,

Were going to be asked to rebuild their entire country, that's after funding another \$100, \$200 billion dollars in military conflict, there's \$300 billion dollars on top of that to rebuild the country, then we got to pay for their pensioners. We're getting easily a half a trillion dollars in the hole for the Ukraine conflict by the time this is done, and Steve, at the very same time you have people in this town saying we need to cut social security, there are



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people who would cut social security, throw our grandparents into poverty, why? So that one of Zelensky's ministers can buy a bigger yacht? Kiss my a-, Steve its not happening.



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