

Baltic Advocacy Day

Talking Points

- Introduce group:
 - 80+ Baltic American constituents in town meeting with the offices that represent our states and districts
 - Raising awareness of security concerns in the region resulting from Russia's aggressive behavior – disinformation campaigns, cyber attacks, energy security
- Express thanks for support to the Baltics so far, including:
 - Recognition of centennial celebrations - S.Res.432 (passed) and H.Res.826
 - European Deterrence Initiative (EDI) funding
 - Foreign Military Financing (FMF)
 - Passage of the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA), signed into law in August 2017
 - [Membership in House Baltic Caucus or Senate Baltic Freedom Caucus]
- Specific points:
 - Maintaining or increasing funding levels for EDI and FMF in the next budget cycle's National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)
 - Implementing sanctions against the Putin regime to the fullest extent possible under CAATSA and the Global Magnitsky Act
 - Countering the Kremlin's disinformation through increased funding for the State Department's Global Engagement Center and other programs aimed at neutralizing propaganda and illegitimate news outlets
 - Securing the region's energy sources through:
 - Continued U.S.-Baltic cooperation on LNG
 - Pushing back on the Nord Stream 2 pipeline, following the example of the bipartisan March 15th letter led by Senator Barrasso (R-WY) and signed by 39 Senators speaking out against the project
 - [Joining their Chamber's caucus if they haven't already]

