

# Canadian Conference in Support of Ukraine (CCSU)

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## Statement-Petition

### Concerning the Draft Law on the Principles of State Language Policy

The Canadian Conference in Support of Ukraine expresses its resolute protest against the adoption of the first reading to the draft law on the Principles of State Language Policy that took place in the Parliament of Ukraine on June 5, 2012.

The efforts to force through this legislation introduced by MPs Kolesnichenko and Kivalov from the Party of Regions is yet another anti-Ukrainian and anti-state provocation by the authorities.

The goal of this provocation is to create divisions in society on the eve of the parliamentary elections and thereby divert the attention of the electorate away from the authoritarian and corrupt regime. Equivalently, it also represents a further step in the russification policies of the Moscow-imposed Minister of Education in Ukraine, Dmytro Tabachnyk, an avowed ukrainophobe and russophile.

We call upon nationally conscious Ukrainian patriots in Ukraine and the Diaspora to:

- stand up in defence of the Ukrainian language, which in accordance with the Constitution of Ukraine is the only state language.
- defend the constitutionally-mandated right to use the Ukrainian language in all spheres of society.
- oppose policies of forced russification of society in Ukraine and demand the dismissal from office of all anti-Ukrainian government officials in the Presidential Administration, Cabinet of Ministers and Parliament.
- demand that enemy agents of Moscow's fifth column be deported from Ukraine.

Express your support for our demands and encourage your friends to do likewise by signing this petition online at [http://www.lucorg.com/signature.php/signature\\_id/10/lang/en](http://www.lucorg.com/signature.php/signature_id/10/lang/en)

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