<Name of MP>

<Member for xx>

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Dear Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr <Name of MP>,

I am writing to bring your attention to the fact that on 18 March 2016 the Crimean peninsula of Ukraine will have been illegally occupied by the Russian Federation for two years, despite Australia’s continuing sanctions.

Not only is this a violation of international law, it is a violation of civic, political and human rights. During Russia’s occupation, the Kremlin has suppressed reports of human rights abuses targeting ethnic, religious and national groups that oppose the annexation, especially members of the indigenous Crimean Tatar community.

The illegal detention of Ukrainian pilot, Nadiya Savchenko, is another example of Russia’s complete and public disregard for human rights. I urge you to drive Prime Minister Turnbull to demand her release, as other world leaders have, before she perishes from the dry hunger strike she has vowed.

As a democratic country, we have a responsibility to uphold international harmony and demand human rights for all. We must condemn countries that audaciously contravene world order.

As one of the 38,000 Australian-Ukrainians, I request your support in bringing this blatant, ongoing breach of international law to the forefront of Australia’s international agenda. Australian and international pressure must not only continue but increase in order for Russia to withdraw from Crimea and east Ukraine and bring an end to the atrocities they are committing there.

Kind Regards

<Your name>