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Hon. Stanley Kutcher, *MD, FRCPC*  
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Dear Concerned Canadian,

As we are all aware, the disinformation campaign instituted by the Government of Russia has attempted to fuel destabilization in Canada and other democratic countries. Within Russia, there is a fulsome suppression of any information that counters official public messages and conceals the truth about the invasion of Ukraine. Indeed, a recently established law makes it a crime to provide such contrary information.

In spite of this, Russian citizens are speaking out at a great personal and professional risk. We should all acknowledge just how courageous and necessary this is.

They need our help to learn what is actually happening and to provide them with all the support that we can.

As a Senator, physician, and academic, I am asking that you use the institutional, professional and personal links that you have within Russia to support the alliance of nations acting in response to this illegal invasion of Ukraine. For institutions, there are many actions that you can take. This includes, but is not limited to, pausing your collaborations with Russian institutions. Those of you with professional or personal ties can reach out to your colleagues and friends to let them know what is really happening and to support them as they share this information with their own networks within Russia.

The more that can be done to educate the people of Russia about what is actually happening, the better they will be able to determine how they will act in response to this rule of law shattering turn of events.

I am asking for you to act. In the interests of Ukraine and in the interests of global safety and security.

Thank you,

Honorable Dr. Stanley Kutcher ONS, MD, FRCSP, FCAHS