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Dear Law Enforcement Partner:

I know many of you share my concern for the Ukrainian military men and women who are bravely fighting against the senseless aggression of Russia. The Ukrainians lack resources and equipment, but they certainly don't lack heart or love of country.

The National Guard Bureau has asked the Ohio National Guard to assist with taking an inventory of surplus, donated, and/or expired body armor and helmets that may be available for donation to Ukraine from Ohio's state and local law enforcement agencies. The ultimate intent is to provide personal protective gear to the Ukrainian military as they defend their country against Russia.

To this end, I am joining with our Ohio National Guard and Ohio Department of Public Safety to ask for your help with this important effort. The Ohio National Guard is working to help identify and report any surplus, donated, or expired body armor and helmets in Ohio by **Monday, March 14, 2022**.

The preference is for Level 3+ or Level 4 personal protective equipment, but any available and serviceable items are acceptable. If your agency has this equipment available to donate, please contact the Ohio National Guard Joint Operations Center at 614-734-7551 or 614-734-7550 with the following information:

- Name
- Organization
- Phone number
- Amount and type of equipment to be donated

If there is an identified need validated by the United States European Combatant Command, the National Guard Bureau will then work with the Department of Defense and its interagency partners to develop a logistics plan to collect and deliver any donated equipment to aid Ukraine. At that time, an Ohio National Guard service member will contact you with information on when to bring your items to a nearby armory or alternate site.

I again encourage all Ohio law enforcement agencies that have surplus or expired personal protective gear to answer this request for information. Your response could result in help that could save lives in Ukraine. Thank you for your consideration to help Ukraine during this desperate time.

Very respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike DeWine".

Mike DeWine
Governor