

Statement From Mayor Eric Adams and Commissioner Manuel Castro on Extended Humanitarian Relief for Ukraine

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NEW YORK – New York City Mayor Eric Adams and New York City Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs Commissioner Manuel Castro today released the following statement on extending humanitarian relief for those from Ukraine:

“As the City of New York continues to monitor the Russian invasion of Ukraine closely, we stand in solidarity and support with Ukrainians in New York City and all over the world. We encourage the Biden administration to consider the use of every tool at their disposal — including parole, Temporary Protected Status, and extended humanitarian protections — to protect Ukrainians here who are unable to return to their home country and welcome those seeking safety and freedom.

“Ukrainian New Yorkers should know that their city has their back. We are ready to work hand-in-hand with our federal and state partners in ensuring that New York is a place of refuge.”

The Adams administration is asking the federal government to provide work permits and protection from deportation for Ukrainian non-citizens in the U.S. — including Ukrainian DACA recipients and F-1 international students — who cannot safely return home.

Ukrainian New Yorkers can call the Mayor’s Office of Immigrants Affairs’ Immigration Legal Services Hotline at 800-354-0365 for connections to city-funded, free and safe immigration legal help.

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