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## AMERICAN HINDU COALITION MEETS WITH SENATOR PAT TOOMEY



**WASHINGTON, DC, MARCH 2, 2022** – The American Hindu Coalition leadership met with Senator Pat Toomey (R-PA), who serves on several key Senate Committees, including Finance, Budget, and Banking. He also serves as Chair of the Health Subcommittee. In his brief remarks, Senator Toomey said that President Biden’s State of the Union address had tough rhetoric regarding Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, which is a democracy, but the Senator hoped that the President’s actions will match the rhetoric. Specifically, he said that the President should work with a bipartisan

Congress to pass comprehensive sanctions against Russia, including the Never Yielding Europe’s Territory (NYET) Act to cripple Russia’s financial sector. Of course, concerns remain about the rising civilian death toll rise that threaten security around the world.

AHC team attending the event included its Chair Shekhar Tiwari, Chief of Staff Dr. Alok Srivastava, Navneet Sharma, Rajiv Sharma, Joel Anand Samy and Natasha Srdoc.

Regarding a question from an Indian newspaper reporter, Prashant Jha, who attended as a guest of AHC, about India’s abstaining vote, in concert with China, at the UN Security Council, on the cessation of hostilities in Ukraine, the Senator responded: “We’re disappointed with India.”



Senator Toomey, who also serves as Chair of the Senate Health Subcommittee, said that the trillions of appropriated in COVID relief has led to historic investments in vaccines, therapeutics, and testing. He pointed out that he has pressed the White House for an accounting of the spending and a justification for additional \$30 billion spending that the President is now seeking of additional spending.

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