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## AMERICAN HINDU COALITION'S CAPITOL HILL CONFERENCE TAKES A STAND AGAINST GENOCIDE IN UKRAINE

**WASHINGTON, DC, JUNE 22, 2022** – The American Hindu Coalition (AHC) hosted a pioneering Capitol Hill conference to discuss the genocide in Ukraine and register the solidarity of Indian Americans with a free and independent Ukraine.



Moderator Dr. Kanchan Anand M.D., AHC Leader, was joined by an illustrious panel, including, among others, AHC Chairman Shekhar Tiwari, AHC Executive Director Alok Srivastava, Ramesh Kapoor (Chairman, US India Security Council - via Zoom), Congressman Raja Krishnamurthi and Maryland Delegate Kumar Barve. The message was very clear: the one-ness of the human family is a core Hindu value; the genocide perpetrated by the Russian in Ukraine violates that very value; the Government of India's failure to condemn the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the subsequent genocide is inconsistent with Hindu values.

Kumar Barve, Maryland State Delegate (former Maryland General Assembly Majority Leader), clarified: "I think it is important for people to know where we as Americans of Indian origin stand. We don't stand with people who start wars ... it is also pretty clear that 100 percent of us of Indian origin want the Indian Government to stop supporting Vladimir Putin in this effort."

On the matter of the Government of India's assertion that the Russia-Ukraine conflict is a European conflict and thus unrelated to the Quad's (US, India, Japan, Australia) partnership in countering China, Raja Krishnamurthi remarked: "I understand that there are complications [in US-India relations] ... So, if we are going to counter that long term strategic threat [i.e., China], then we have to come to the aid of those who would fight against authoritarian dictators. Who would fight against invasion, who would fight against naked aggression, brutal oppression, which is what we're seeing in Ukraine? So how can we stop that?"

USISC Chairman Ramesh Kapur added: "The US is looking for business partnership with India, while India is looking for a security partnership with the US. That's the challenge. It's very important that the United States and India join hands together against genocide in Ukraine."

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