

Уважаемые сенаторы,

Это письмо является ответом на принятие Сенатом штата Нью-Йорк резолюции J4960, одобряющей организованный "Российской молодежью Америки" 4-й ежегодный марш "Бессмертного полка", состоявшийся в Нью-Йорке 5 мая 2018 года.

Мы, нижеподписавшиеся, граждане и жители США, глубоко обеспокоены резолюцией J4960, принятой 8 мая 2018 года Сенатом штата Нью-Йорк, которая одобряет и поддерживает инициативу организации "Российская молодежь Америки" по проведению ежегодных маршей "Бессмертного полка" в Нью-Йорке.

У нас есть все основания считать, что за маршами "Бессмертного полка" в США стоит российское руководство, осуществляющее его финансовую и информационную поддержку. Более того, эти акции служат инструментом кремлевской "мягкой силы" - экономического и культурного влияния Российской Федерации для продвижения политических целей Путина в Соединенных Штатах.

В то время как марши "Бессмертного" полка возникли в 2011 году в России как неполитическая частная инициатива, вскоре эта акция была присвоена российским правительством для продвижения официальных пропагандистских целей по восхвалению российских военных побед. Агрессивность и идеологическая направленность маршей, в частности, проявляется в использовании визуальных символов, наиболее узнаваемым из которых является так называемая "лента Святого Георгия". Эта лента в последнее время стала символом боевых формирований в Восточной Украине, организованных и поддерживаемых Россией. Её также используют прокремлевские организации, такие как Антимайдан, НОД и СЕРБ, которые физически атакуют сторонников демократии в России. После этого марши "Бессмертного полка" стали культивироваться за рубежом через такие организации как "Российская молодежь Америки" и распространяться во многих регионах США, в том числе в штате Нью-Йорк. "Русская молодежь Америки" прямо связана с российским посольством в США и МИДом России. Эта организация используется Кремлем как инструмент внедрения в русскоязычную диаспору в его пропагандистских усилиях против Запада, с целью замаскировать агрессивный российский экспансионизм.

Организаторы Марша Бессмертного полка демонстрируют свои истинные цели, используя флаги и знамена, представляющие Российскую Федерацию как исключительного участника борьбы с нацизмом. Они пренебрегают важнейшей ролью своих западных союзников, а также многих других народов бывшего Советского Союза, которые участвовали во Второй мировой войне. Они увековечивают образ Второй мировой войны как некую собственную войну - "Великую Отечественную". Одобрение Сенатом резолюции J4960 помогает узаконить эти мифы, опровергая истинную историю Второй мировой войны.

Резолюция Сената J4960 была принята в разгар дебатов о массовом вмешательстве Российской Федерации в выборы и политическую жизнь США. Признание Сенатом штата Нью-Йорк финансируемой Кремлем "Российской молодежи Америки" и ежегодного марша "Бессмертного полка" означает однозначную и необъяснимую поддержку гибридной войны России против

Соединенных Штатов. Таким образом, Сенат, неосознанно и непреднамеренно, сыграл определенную роль в попытке распространить российское пропагандистское послание.

Мы считаем, что при принятии резолюции J4960 сенаторы были дезинформированы. Поэтому мы уважительно просим прекратить поддерживать инициативы российского правительства в Соединенных Штатах. К ним, в частности, относятся любые мероприятия, связанные с "Бессмертным полком", в которых используются агрессивные, милитаристские и шовинистические символы. Символы, которые запрещены в некоторых странах НАТО, а также в Украине и Грузии.

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