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Congressman Mr. Nick LaLota
U.S. House of Representatives
1530 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Nick LaLota,

The Polish American Community, your constituents whom we represent, stand for a free and secure Europe. They also want a free and secure Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders. In the United States close to ten million citizens identified themselves as Polish American in the last census, of which approximately 250,000 live on Long Island.

We respectfully request that you vote for continued support for Ukraine and an end to the Kremlin's aggression and to urge Speaker Johnson to bring the relevant legislation to the floor of the House. We remain adamantly opposed to any form of appeasement. History teaches that the price of liberty is eternal vigilance, and that freedom is not free.

On February 24, we commemorated the second anniversary of Russia's unprovoked and evil aggression on Ukraine. This aggression is a continuation of Russian imperial expansion that started as far back as the 1990's with the Chechen wars, continued in 2008 with its attack on Georgia, and the 2014 aggression that led to the occupation of Crimea. All these wars ended with tacit agreement that left Russia unpunished for its imperial ambitions and murderous crimes committed as a result. This should be a lesson that appeasement will not lead to peace or security. It only teaches Russia that its aggression will not be met with any consequences and drives it to continue with even more grandiose aggressive plans. If these are not stopped now in Ukraine, we fear that its next targets will be the Baltics, Poland and other western democracies. Vladimir Putin does not hide his ambitions. The indifference of the United States and the lack of aid to Ukraine will encourage him to continue his aggression. Countries that are currently US allies will not be allies, once Putin annexes them.

We are confident that you understand how important your support is.
Thank you for your attention,

Richard Brzozowski, President
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