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To the UBC President

Mr. Mantas Jurgutis

On behalf of the Vilnyansk City Council and of all residents of Vilnyansk community let me express our most deep appreciation to the UBC family for helping our country to withstand the ongoing Kremlin's aggression including very timely gift of 10, 000 euros donated to help restore the operation of the Vilnyansk municipal hospital after Russian missile attack, that took place on the night of November 23, 2022, when the building of maternity house had been ruined, killing the youngest newborn member of our community... Your gift had helped to lift up our spirits. It is so special for our whole community, located only miles behind the frontlines, to feel that we are not alone in the fight to defend our land.

Geographically wise our municipality is located in the Southern steppe area of Ukraine to left of the Dnipro/Dnieper river. For that reason our part of Ukraine is not neighbouring with any of the EU countries, including those of the Baltic Sea region. However, historically our region had been linked to yours even during the ancient times of the famous trade route from Varangians to the Greeks thus connecting the Baltic and Black Sea area residents.

We believe here that we do belong to the European family of nations. Even to secure this right we are resisting the most terrible unprovoked aggression. And therefore we would like to be able establish closer partnership ties with municipalities that are part of the UBC family in order to ensure more community engagement with each other. Would appreciate your assistance to help us look for a sister city/cities who might be interested in becoming our friends.

Our combined municipal community has the population of about 20 thousands and includes the Vilnyansk city proper as well as a number of villages nearby. That makes us look a combination of urban, suburban and rural type. Being developed as industrial center for machine building and agrifood industries, our community is also known for our unified efforts to ensure safe environment for all our residents and to preserve the beauty of nature around us also for the generations to come. Regardless of political affiliation we would all like to see our city safe, green and happy place to live.

Head of Vilnyansk City Council

May 12, 2023

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