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Dear Mr Romaniv,

On behalf of the Polish Community Council of Australia, I write to express the solidarity and support of the Polish community in Australia for Ukraine, her people and for the Australian Federation of Ukrainian Organisations.

The history of our two nations is long and complex, and although not always remembered fondly, we are family. Democratisation in both countries in recent decades has brought us closer together, as both Ukrainians and Poles value freedom and democracy which can only be manifest in nations that exercise full independence.

The current Russian invasion of Ukraine is without precedent in recent times, having bought war and destruction upon a civilised nation. The Polish people stand in full support of Ukraine in her struggle against the Russian oppressor.

The Russian autocrat has first eliminated the institutions of civil society in his own country and repressed his own people. Now, he has chosen to act abroad. The brave Ukrainian people have not let this challenge go unanswered.

Our hearts are with Ukraine.

If there is any other way in which we can be of assistance or support, please do not hesitate to contact me directly on the following number: 0411 282 110.

Слава Україні!

Yours sincerely,

President

Małgorzata Kwiatkowska,