The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington DC 20500

November 28, 2023

RE: Anniversary of Holodomor 1932-33

Dear Mr. President:

Last week, as Americans gathered from near and far to celebrate the feast of Thanksgiving with family and friends, we note that November 25th marked Holodomor Remembrance Day, 90 years since the 1932-33 forced starvation of the Ukrainian population by the occupying Soviet Russian forces. Food was used as a weapon of mass destruction.

During those terrible years, the Soviet Union confiscated the bountiful crops of Ukraine’s famously rich soil and left hardworking farmers, who harvested it, to starve to death. The number of victims ran into the millions, many of them children. As recounted in Agnieszka Holland’s 2019 film Mr. Jones, which showed the complicity of the media in hiding Stalin’s horrors from the world, Ukrainians were forced into the most desperate measures to survive.

The methods of the latest Putin regime differ little from Stalin’s: murder, terror with hunger and cold, intimidation, and deportation. The two accounts are nothing short of a genocide.

We have currently witnessed Putin seizing Ukrainian grain shipments and weaponizing them to starve the world. Much like last year, we anticipate Russia will attack energy hubs this winter to attempt to freeze Ukrainians into submission.

These crimes persist. It is time to assert that both the Holodomor and the current war of Russian aggression against Ukraine are genocides.

Most respectfully,

The Central and East European Coalition (CEEC)