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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, M.P., P.C.
Langevin Building
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Prime Minister:

RE: MEMORIAL TO THE VICTIMS OF COMMUNISM

I write to you today regarding the proposed Memorial to the Victims of Communism.

I appreciated the opportunity to meet with you during the election campaign, along with a number of your candidates. The UCC is pleased that during the campaign you expressed your continued support for the memorial in response to our questionnaire, stating that "we firmly believe this monument must be built, a Liberal government will work to ensure the location of such a monument reflects adequate consultation and community consensus so Canada can honour the victims of communism in the respectful manner they deserve."

There are over 8 million Canadians who trace their roots to countries that were oppressed by communist regimes, and many escaped this totalitarianism to come to Canada – and their history and contribution to Canada is an essential part of Canada's story.

We believe that the Memorial is an important initiative, which will play an important role in educating future generations about Canada's legacy as a land of refuge and freedom. It is an initiative that has garnered support from many thousands of Canadians from across Canada.

This week is Holodomor Commemoration Week. We hallow the memory of the millions of victims and survivors of the Ukrainian Holodomor Famine Genocide. It is important to remember not only them, but all victims of the crimes perpetrated by Stalin and many more crimes of communism and that they be appropriately commemorated through this National memorial.

Yours very truly,
UKRAINIAN CANADIAN CONGRESS

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