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The Honorable Consul General Wolfgang Mössinger Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany 676 North Michigan Avenue - Suite 3200 Chicago, IL 60611-2804

Dear Consul General Mössinger,

On behalf of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America - Illinois Division, an organization that represents over 30 Ukrainian-American organizations in the State of Illinois, we hope that you, your family and colleagues are safe and well at this challenging time. We write this letter regarding our concern about the Nord Stream 2 situation. We request that you bring our concern to the attention of the German government.

We remember your presentation in the Ukrainian community of Chicago. Our community appreciated your support of Ukraine's independence and censure of illegal Russian aggression and invasion of Ukrainian territory.

We appeal, through you, to German Chancellor Angela Merkel to stop this project. Russia continues to violate international norms and continues to invade and occupy Ukraine.

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America – Illinois Division joins the Ukrainian World Congress in calling upon Germany, the United States and the international community to take all necessary measures to immediately terminate Russia's pipeline project. Nord Stream 2 will circumvent and make redundant a critical gas pipeline between Russia and Western Europe, which transits through and is the source of gas supply for Ukraine and other European countries. Russia will effortlessly cripple Ukraine, Belarus, and other Eastern European countries economically and turn off the gas supply. Russia has a history of such behavior.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken described Nord Stream 2 as a geopolitical project designed to weaken Europe. Consequently, the European Parliament has adopted a resolution calling for the immediate termination of this project. We call upon you and the government of Germany to stand in solidarity with other European countries to terminate this project.

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