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The President of the United States of America  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

The Lithuanian American Community, with chapters from Hawaii to New York, was appalled by Russia's invasion of the sovereign Republic of Georgia and by the resulting loss of life and destruction of Georgia's infrastructure. We are also disgusted at the looting of private property by soldiers.

We appreciate your support of Georgia and are proud of our Congress which spoke out with one voice regarding Russia's aggression against a sovereign neighbor nation.

We admire the courage of the presidents of Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Ukraine, and Poland who personally traveled to Georgia to stand by their besieged sister democracy.

We fervently hope that Russia will honor the cease-fire, and we urge the U.S. government to insist that Russia withdraw its forces from all of Georgia's territory.

Because Russia is an interested party in the conflict involving Georgia and its provinces, it is imperative that an international third party take charge of peacekeeping in South Ossetia and Abkhazia.

Respectfully yours,

Elona M. Vaisnys, Ph.D.  
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