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The Honorable Sander Levin  
Attn: David Ettinger  
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Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Sander Levin,

How pleased I am to hear of your dedicated efforts in facilitating congressional sponsorship of a bill permitting the Ukrainian American community to erect a monument to the Famine-Genocide by the year 2008, in commemoration of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ukrainian genocide.

The erection of a monument to the Famine-Genocide in Washington, D.C. will boldly reflect this nation's commitment to freedom and democracy for all peoples and all nations, and its intolerance for the annihilation and/or abuse of people of any nation. Remembering the victims of this man-made famine of 1932-33 in Ukraine with the erection of a suitable monument will remind all visitors of our need to remain vigilant against such acts of oppression and of our call to speak out and defend those at risk. Such a monument will also provide an information vehicle to those tourists and visitors who would otherwise have no knowledge of the Ukrainian Famine-Genocide and its consequences.

On behalf of all the hierarchy, clergy and faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States of America, I wholeheartedly support this initiative and urge its positive consideration by the National Park Service. Please do not hesitate to call me if I can be of any further assistance in this matter.

Please be assured of my prayers and my heartfelt anticipation of the success of this most worthy proposal.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Stefan Soroka  
Metropolitan-Archbishop