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Management, Federal and World Affairs  
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I urge the Senate Committee to pass SCR 23, supporting establishing a sister state relationship between the State of Oregon and Cherkasy Oblast, Ukraine. This would represent a significant step in strengthening economic and cultural ties between our communities and would reaffirm Oregon's unwavering solidarity with the people of Ukraine as they defend their democracy. Cherkasy is one of Ukraine's top producers of agricultural products, and a mutual partnership such as this would benefit both regions with expanded business ties, improved crop yields, and new markets for agricultural products.

It would not only build bridges between our regions, but also honor Oregon's long-standing commitment to human rights, democracy, and international cooperation. This partnership would serve as a symbol of solidarity and support of Ukraine during this critical time, as they struggle to persevere in the fight against dictatorship.