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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SCR23

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs,

Writing today reflects support for SCR 23, which establishes a sister state relationship between the State of Oregon and Cherkasy Oblast. This resolution represents a mutual strengthening of economic and cultural ties between our communities. Along with other established sisterhoods, this additional bridge enhances our communities with the benefits of diversity and solidarity, important long term traditions bettering both of our regions' overall health.

The Cherkasy Oblast region's agricultural strength, combined with Oregon's innovative farming practices and honorable environmental stewardship, presents an excellent opportunity for mutual economic cooperation in Ukraine's time of need. We've seen community enhancements on the small scale in Salem and believe expanding a more formal connection will help both of these regions benefit from expanded business ties, improved crop yields, and new markets for agricultural products. For example, have you tried their decedent dark chocolate? It is most delicious and assuredly one of many great products they already offer.

A sister state relationship fosters educational, social and cultural exchanges that deepen ties between Oregon and Cherkasy. With more than 9,000 cultural heritage sites and 300 sacred places dating back to the Palaeolithic Stone Age, Cherkasy's rich history makes it an ideal partner in the effort to foster understanding and awareness between Ukrainians and Americans.

The creation of this sister state relationship not only builds bridges between our regions but also honors Oregon's long-standing commitment to human rights, democracy, and international cooperation. This partnership will serve as a symbol of solidarity and a practical step toward supporting Ukraine's economic and social development during this critical time.

Along with our community, we urge you to support SCR 23 and demonstrate Oregon's steadfast dedication to global partnerships and the defense of freedom. Thank you for your leadership and for considering this important resolution.

Sincerely,  
Timothy Adams