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On Behalf Of: John Hawkins and Stephanie Smythe  
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:

We wish to register our strong support for SCR 23. Establishing a sister-state relationship between the State of Oregon and Cherkasy Oblast, Ukraine, would help the residents of both states. Each of us can take advantage of common interests in business, industry, agriculture, and intercultural exchange and understanding.

Even though the U.S. federal government seems intent on abandoning Ukraine in its fight for survival against Russia, there is a groundswell of support for the Ukrainian government and its people by ordinary citizens of our country. The morale and strength of the Ukrainian people is as vital as our financial and military support. Passing SCR 23 will send the message that the American people still support Ukraine.

We urge to you pass SCR 23 and honor Oregon's reputation as a valiant defender of human rights, democracy, natural resources, and intercultural understanding.

Sincerely,  
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