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H.E. Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
United States of America

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Dear Speaker,

After the visit of four delegations from Poland and the Baltic States from 7th to 9th March 2020 and our warm meeting with twice extended time from your side, I would like to express our common gratitude and my personal thankfulness for the implementation of sanctions against the “Nord Stream 2” project. After this tragic pandemic break, I would like to say thank you so much for your hospitality. All delegation enjoyed the working visit.

I was an author of an idea to commemorate the day of the U.S. non-recognition of Soviet occupation of the Baltic nations. This remarkable tradition continues in Vilnius since 1998. The day after tomorrow, in front of the Lithuanian Parliament where we defended our declared independence in 1990, we will commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Sumner Welles Declaration when the United States took a firm stand against Josef Stalin's military invasion into the Baltic States in June 1940.

Can I ask you to issue a statement in a video address or in writing in the name of the U.S. Congress to the Baltic nations on this important occasion? It would be very significant if your statement could include a response to the Russian President Vladimir Putin's last attempts to neglect the Baltic States, saying they “voluntary” joined the Soviet Union. For our parliamentary democracy it would have an enormous value to have your insights about the priorities of democracy and freedom in the world.

The commemorative event will take place on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 4 p.m. Please accept my sincere apologies for sending this letter so late. I wish you good health.

Sincerely yours,

Emanuelis Zingeris, MP

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