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U.S. Embassy Kyiv
4 A.I. Sikorsky St.
04112 Kyiv, Ukraine

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing you today in support of the visa applications of the following individuals:

1. **VOLODYMYR KARPLIUK (Passport No.: FY 232344)**
2. **VLADYSLAV KARPLIUK (Passport No.: PU 803285)**
3. **MAKSYM KARPLIUK (Passport No.: GF 594736)**

These individuals comprise a delegation group from Irpin, Ukraine who will project to travel to the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin in the United States from the beginning of February 2024 to the middle of March 2024. Volodymyr Karpliuik is the the Head of the Investment Council from the City of Irpin and the founder of the Irpin Restoration Fund. He will participate as an official representative of the City of Irpin and the Irpin City Council in discussing further cooperation regarding the establishment and continuing strong cooperation and receiving official help from the sister city of Milwaukee and the local sponsoring organization, Friends of Be an Angel, Inc., in Milwaukee. His children, Vladyslav Karpliuik and Maksym Karpliuik, are part of the delegation for the purpose of getting acquainted with the culture, education, and history of the City of Milwaukee.

The City of Milwaukee invites and supports this delegation to visit Milwaukee for this purpose as part of the sister city relationship activities between the two cities. The City of Milwaukee has a current sister city relationship with the City of Iprin, Ukraine. The sister city relationship was formally established with a signed agreement between the two cities on March 15, 2018 for the purposes of promoting peace, through citizen diplomacy and partnerships, and a long-term, cooperative relationship between the two cities for cultural, educational, business, and technical exchanges to take place.

All hotel accommodations, airline tickets, and travel expenses with regards to the delegation traveling from Irpin to Milwaukee will be paid for by Volodymyr Karpliuik. Please be aware that no Milwaukee city funds shall be used for travel expenses by city officials in connection with any sister city or friendly exchange relationship according to the Milwaukee Code of Ordinance Chapter 335.

The City of Milwaukee Sister Cities Committee is created to assist the City, through its Common Council, with the establishment and maintenance of sister city relationships pursuant to Sister Cities International regulations through nonprofit, volunteer based organizations that organize and implement cooperative programs in education, arts, business, and municipal and technical exchanges with Milwaukee's sister cities around the world to collaborate on programs of mutual benefit to our city and its partners. We are also members of the Sister Cities International network, one of the largest citizen diplomacy networks in the world.

Sister Cities International is a nonprofit citizen diplomacy network that creates and strengthens partnerships between U.S. and International communities. With a network of over 2,000 cities in 146 countries all over the world, we strive to build global cooperation at the municipal level, promote cultural understanding and stimulate economic development.

I appreciate any consideration your office can give to this delegation group from Irpin, Ukraine, and would encourage you to contact us if you have any concerns. Thank you again for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell W. Stamper, II". The signature is stylized with a large initial "R" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II, Chair
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