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We express our gratitude for the support that You and all Americans have been providing for Ukraine. American support has been vital in the fight for our freedoms and democracy.

With this letter we kindly ask You to look at an aid request that will require no financial cost for Your community yet will greatly help our community better protect itself.

We are greatly interested in the firearms that Your community is seizing, buying back and destroying as part of the work of Your police force. We are ready to take those firearms for our local police and territorial defense forces. This will greatly increase our potential at repelling any Russian invasion. We believe the notion that large percentage of Ukrainians own and know how to use guns is a strong deterrence for any invasion. We are currently working closely with our community to provide them with firearms and trainings.

Just before the breakout of large-scale Russian invasion, only 2% of Ukrainian adult population was armed. People in cities were often defenseless as Russian troops marched in. Russians have killed hundreds of civilians in cities like Bucha and Irpin with rifles and pistols. People were defenseless.

Now, Ukrainians are overwhelmingly in favor of allowing regulated gun ownership. Most of Ukrainian men say they want to own a gun in order to be able to protect country from the invasion.

International aid provided by US government does not and is not likely to cover gun ownership for police and territorial defense forces. The state of our economy does not allow our police force and citizens to get hold of the guns and ammo. Thus, we are looking at United States and You as a representative of our sister city to procure guns for our community.

We guarantee that any arms You wish to donate to our community will be picked up in line with all US regulations, acquisition of proper exporting licenses, we will cover all logistical costs. All the guns will be delivered to people who will use them for

protection and as a deterrent from an invasion. We strongly believe that any sized guns You may assign for destruction will find good use in Ukraine.

We hope that You can dedicate some time at discussing and studying our request and we can arrange a call to discuss the details.

Sincerely,

Oleksandr Markushyn
Mayor of Irpin

