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His Excellency Andrzej Duda President Chancellery of the President of the Republic of Poland Wiejska Street 10 00-902, Warsaw The Republic of Poland The Honorable Mateusz Morawiecki Prime Minister Chancellery of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland Al. Ujazdowskie 1/3 00-583, Warsaw The Republic of Poland

Dear President Duda and Prime Minister Morawiecki:

Last month, I had the honor of visiting Poland and meeting with a number of great Polish leaders, including Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Marcin Przydacz, and several parliamentarians, including Arkadiusz Mularcyzk and Joanna Mucha. I am grateful for the work of the Polish government to support freedom and democracy in Europe and around the world.

I want to thank your government and the Polish people for your tremendous efforts in accepting Ukrainian refugees who have been forced from their homes by Russia's unjust war. I join you in total condemnation of Vladimir Putin's murderous attacks on Ukraine. And I trust that Poland will continue to provide essential support to Ukrainian refugees, and all necessary support to the Ukrainian military, in partnership with the United States and other allies, so that the Ukrainian people can win this war.

Following my visit, I'm convinced there is a promising future for a strengthened bilateral relationship between the United States and Poland, and that there are many opportunities for our two nations to increase our trade relationship and jointly support our freedom-loving, democratic partners, especially in the face of growing tyranny around the world. The world's democracies must stand strongly together. To protect freedom in Europe and beyond, we need more leaders like you who will act courageously, even when it requires sacrifice.

As we look to the future, I also welcome an increase in our security cooperation. As NATO partners, we can hold our partner nations, including Germany, accountable for their role in preserving democratic sovereignty in Europe and security for all NATO members. I hope other nations look at our example, and live up to their commitments to do more for the cause of freedom in Europe. Likewise, our nations can jointly confront

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Beijing as it seeks to isolate the United States from the European economy, and address security concerns stemming from Communist China's economic activity in Europe. We must continue to forcefully call out Russia and Communist China for their clear plans for world domination, and vocally condemn and punish the attacks on democracy we see from these evil regimes.

Thank you again for all your hard work, commitment to democracy and for your gracious hospitality during my visit to Poland. We pray that the Ukrainian people will soon be able to return to their homeland where they can govern themselves free from Russian influence. I look forward to working together toward that moment and building a stronger relationship between our two democracies.

Sincerely,

Rick Scott

**United States Senator**