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Ms. Kersti Kaljulaid, President  
Republic of Estonia  
A. Weizenbergi 39  
15050 Tallinn, Estonia

Dear President Kaljulaid:

**Re: International Museum of the Crimes of Communism, Estonia**

The Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC), which represents the interests of the 1.4 million-strong Ukrainian community in Canada, fully supports the establishment of the International Museum of the Crimes of Communism in Estonia.

The Museum, headed by the Estonian Institute of Historical Memory, is an important initiative that will serve to preserve the memory of the many millions of victims of Communism and will further educate the global community about the crimes of Communism, in order to ensure that these crimes are never repeated.

Many members of our community in Canada themselves experienced the brutality of Communist rule; others are descendants of victims of Communism. It is our sacred duty to the victims and survivors of Communist tyranny that the world never forget the legacy of Communist totalitarianism, imperialism and oppression.

There are many historical and research institutions in Canada which could be of assistance in providing content, material or other information that may be useful to the Museum. The UCC is ready to assist in the realization and promotion of this important project.

I take this opportunity to express the gratitude of the Ukrainian Canadian community to the Estonian people for their strong support of the people of Ukraine as they defend their country from Russia's aggression.

Please do not hesitate to contact UCC CEO Ihor Michalchyshyn at [ihor@ucc.ca](mailto:ihor@ucc.ca) or 613-232-8822.

Yours sincerely,  
UKRAINIAN CANADIAN CONGRESS

Paul Grod  
National President

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