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We have followed with horror Russia's violence against Ukraine since 2014 with its unrelenting human rights violations and war crimes, first against Crimea, then Donetsk and Luhansk including the murder of airline passengers and crew with Russian weapons of Donetsk. The shocking full-scale invasion of February 2022 with its murder, torture, rape, kidnapping and so many other crimes caused millions of Ukrainians to flee. They were welcomed in Poland, throughout Europe and the world, including Oregon.

US weapons and humanitarian support have helped Ukraine heroically resist this ongoing assault, though at the cost of tens of thousands of lives. Even today, civilians are attacked in their homes, schools, hospitals and on the streets by relentless bombardment by missiles, drones and artillery. I believe Oregon should be a part of the defense of Ukraine by offering (as only a small fraction of our support) our friendship and solidarity across seas.

We would like to offer our full support SCR 23 to establish a ceremonial relationship between Oregon and the oblast region of Cherkasy, Ukraine.

Respectfully,
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