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**The Honorable Joseph R. Biden Jr.**

President of the United States

**The Honorable Jens Stoltenberg**

Secretary General of NATO

**Dear Sirs,**

The upcoming NATO 75th Anniversary Summit in Washington must strongly demonstrate the resolve of the Allies to provide support to Ukraine and show a strong united front of the collective West to the aggressor state Russia and its leader Vladimir Putin. The purpose and resilience of the alliance is still being tested during this third year of the Russian aggression against Ukraine and therefore, we, the World Federation of Free Latvians, encourage NATO leaders to send clear signals and take strong actions out of the Washington Summit.

As the umbrella organization for the hundreds of thousands of Latvians living in Europe, the United States, Canada, Australia, Russia and South America, we, the World Federation of Free Latvians:

- Encourage the Washington summit to **provide a clear road map to Ukraine and its brave military to join the Alliance** and to **provide the much needed military assistance to Ukraine, including the air defense systems and F-16 aircraft and related pilot training programs.**
- Seek a NATO initiative to **expand production capacity for weapons systems and ammunition in the Baltic countries.** This will enhance NATO defense stocks while simultaneously provide stimulus for economies harmed by the war.
- Thank NATO leadership for the continued security support of the Baltic States. We ask that the NATO assist Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania in building a military defense line along our borders with the Russian Federation and Belarus and continue to **commit the necessary permanent on-the-ground troops and equipment in the region.**

Latvians living in the NATO countries outside of Latvia are concerned about the security of the Baltic region in light of Russia's war in Ukraine. NATO's needed role as a strong defensive alliance is made clearer with renewed Russian threats and actual aggression. The leaders of Western countries should stand firm for freedom, peace, and prosperity.

Respectfully,

Peteris Blumbergs, President