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**WORLD
FEDERATION
OF FREE
LATVIANS**

October 13, 2026

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the World Federation of Free Latvians and the American Latvian Association, which this year mark the 70th and 75th anniversaries, respectively, of their founding to represent Latvians who found freedom in the United States and throughout the democratic world following the Soviet occupation of our homeland, we urge you to revoke OFAC General License 135, which eased sanctions on Russian diesel, and rescind President Vladimir Putin's invitation to the G20 Summit in Florida this December.

Easing restrictions on Russian fuel while inviting Putin to a gathering of the world's leading economies sends a deeply troubling message at a time when Russia continues its brutal assault on Ukraine. Revenue from Russian energy exports helps sustain the Kremlin's war machine, financing the missiles and drones that strike Ukrainian homes, hospitals, and critical infrastructure. Ukraine has demonstrated extraordinary resilience, ingenuity, and determination in resisting Russia's invasion and adapting to the demands of modern warfare. Providing Moscow with additional revenue now would undermine the pressure needed to end its aggression and achieve a just and lasting peace.

Moreover, Russia's malevolent actions extend beyond Ukraine and directly affect U.S. security interests. Russia has been linked to sabotage operations across Europe targeting American allies and has reportedly supplied weapons and intelligence to Iran, which has attacked U.S. troops and military installations in the Middle East.

The same principle must guide your decision on Putin's participation in the G20 Summit. An invitation risks allowing the Kremlin to portray diplomatic access as international acceptance while it continues its sabotage operations against European allies, provides military support to Iran, and wages its war of aggression against Ukraine.

We recognize the burden that high fuel prices place on American families, farmers, and truckers. But pricing relief should not come at the expense of Ukrainian lives or Allied security. Coordinated action with G7 partners and the International Energy Agency offers alternatives that preserve economic pressure on Moscow.

We therefore respectfully urge you to take the following actions:

1. **Revoke OFAC General License 135 and terminate the Russian diesel arrangement,** restoring the full force of sanctions on Russian energy imports.
2. **Enforce the applicable sanctions legislation,** including measures targeting major purchasers of Russian energy and Russia's shadow fleet, in accordance with the law.

3. **Rescind Putin's invitation to the G20 Leaders' Summit** and work with our allies to ensure that Russia's continued aggression does not confer diplomatic legitimacy or international prestige.
4. **Strengthen coordinated support for Ukraine**, including the military assistance necessary for it to defend its sovereignty, protect its people, and secure a just and lasting peace.

We urge you to maintain economic pressure on the Kremlin to protect American interests and our allies, strengthen Ukraine's position, and help secure a durable peace that respects Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity and ends the suffering of the Ukrainian people.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peteris Blumbergs". The script is fluid and cursive.

Peteris Blumbergs
President, World Federation of Free Latvians

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diana Karklins". The script is fluid and cursive.

Diana Karklins
President, American Latvian Association in the US, Inc.