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Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette, C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M., C.Q., C.D.  
Governor General of Canada  
Rideau Hall  
1 Sussex Drive  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Your Excellency:

**Re: Congratulations on appointment as Governor General of Canada**

On behalf of the 1.3 million-strong Ukrainian Canadian community, I offer my sincere congratulations on your appointment as Canada's 29<sup>th</sup> Governor General. Многая Літа!

The Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) is the voice of Canada's Ukrainian community. The Congress brings together under one umbrella all the national, provincial and local Ukrainian Canadian organizations. Together with its member organizations, the UCC has been leading, coordinating and representing the interests of one of Canada's largest ethnic communities since 1941 and instrumental in shaping Canada's social, economic and political landscape.

The UCC represents the Ukrainian Canadian community before the people and Government of Canada, promotes linkages with Ukraine and identifies and addresses the needs of the Ukrainian community in Canada to ensure its continued existence and development for the enhancement of Canada's socio-cultural fabric. We would be pleased for the opportunity to facilitate meetings with leaders of our community during your mandate as Governor General.

We would be honoured to meet with you discuss priority issues of importance to our community, including Canada's continued strong support for Ukraine while Ukraine defends itself from Russia's ongoing military aggression. We also take this opportunity to encourage you to visit Ukraine early in your mandate in order to witness the unique partnership between our two countries. Your visit will provide meaningful support to the Ukrainian people during this critical period in their history.

We wish you all success as Governor General and we thank you for taking on this vital leadership role. We are certain you will carry out your duties with honour and dedication.

Yours sincerely,  
UKRAINIAN CANADIAN CONGRESS

Paul Grod  
National President