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Dr. George Soleas  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Liquor Control Board of Ontario  
55 Lake Shore Blvd East  
Toronto, ON M5E 1A4

Mr. Soleas:

**Re: “Stalinskaya” vodka**

The Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) is appalled that the Liquor Control Board of Ontario is selling “Stalinskaya” vodka.

<https://www.lcbo.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/en/lcbo/spirits-15/vodka-15019/stalinskaya-silver-vodka-19719#.YM06CWhKhPY>

Joseph Stalin was a murderous Communist dictator, on whose orders the Holodomor Famine-Genocide in Ukraine was carried out. During his deadly reign, Stalin ordered the execution of millions of innocent people, condemned to the Gulag millions more, invaded and dismembered sovereign states, and presided over a three-decade reign of terror against the captive nations of Europe and Central Asia.

Stalin is rightly remembered as one of history’s most hideous tyrants. The fact that the LCBO would carry a product named after this murderer is a disgrace. We call on you to immediately remove these products from all LCBO stores.

Sincerely,

**UKRAINIAN CANADIAN CONGRESS**

Ihor Michalchyshyn  
CEO and Executive Director

CC: The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance of Ontario  
The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure of Ontario