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We—members of the Parliament of the Republic of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania—would like to express our deepest gratitude for the enduring U.S. support to the security of the Baltic States, which over the years has evolved into a robust political, economic and military partnership.

The U.S. Congress has played a vital role in advancing this relationship: by never recognising our occupation and supporting captive Baltic nations, by recognizing the vulnerability of our region with regards to Russia, by highlighting the importance of the persistent U.S. military presence in the region, and, last but not least, by providing security assistance. The U.S. Congress has for the last few years appropriated funds - through Sec. 333 since 2018: \$231M (FY25), \$228 (FY24), \$225M (FY23), 180M (FY22), 168M (FY21) - for the Baltic Security Initiative (BSI), which have been used to accelerate national military capability development and enhance regional and collective defense and deterrence. The generosity, shown by the U.S. Congress – and by the American people that you represent – is greatly appreciated and never taken for granted. In return, we have been committed to “buying American”, our defense procurements from the U.S. reaching up to significant part of all our military acquisition programs and for every dollar spent on the BSI is met by multifold spending on US equipment from US companies across the United States, furthering our close ties.


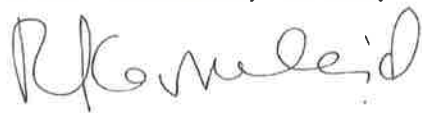
Historically we Baltic nations are strong allies the United States. Since the times of our common General Tadeusz Kościuszko, proud son of the Polish-Lithuanian commonwealth and a hero of your revolution, we have been standing for freedom: we were together with you in Iraq and Afghanistan, we stand by Taiwan, Israel and the democratic opposition in Cuba, we resist autocracies in Belarus and Russia, we fight alongside you for freedom democracy, peace worldwide. We work with the United States for the security, sovereignty, territorial integrity of Ukraine, and its transatlantic future. The million strong Baltic American community is the bedrock of strong transatlantic links between our nations.

We fully recognize that the U.S. resources are stretched nationally and across the globe. That is why we are resolute in our commitment to defend ourselves. Baltic countries will spend beyond 5% of GDP next year and provide the highest per capita military support to Ukraine. We have long spent above NATO's minimum threshold for defense spending. We will continue enhancing our national resilience and civil preparedness, and we will further invest in host-nation support for U.S. forces stationed in our country.

Once again, allow us to express our sincere thanks for the unwavering support and friendship that the U.S. Congress has consistently shown us. Security cooperation with the U.S. – our most important Ally – remains a strategic priority for all three Baltic States. This strong and successful ongoing military cooperation among our militaries provides key capabilities that benefit the NATO Alliance and are designed to prevent further conflict in Europe. We hope this enduring partnership will continue to receive strong support in the Congress. Your support will be instrumental in continuing the Baltic Security Initiative. Therefore, we kindly ask you to support the funding of the Baltic Security Initiative in the Fiscal Year 2026 Defense Appropriations Bill and its authorization in the National Defense Appropriations Act.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration and respect.

Members of Riigikogu (Parliament) of the Republic of Estonia

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