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Szanowna Pani Facsko,

On behalf of Alberta's NDP Official Opposition, I want to congratulate you on your event to commemorate the efforts and sacrifices to dismantle the communist regime in Poland. Alberta's NDP stands in solidarity with Polish Canadians on this memorable anniversary.

For decades, Canada and Alberta have stood with the people of Poland against tranny. I am proud of all social agencies and everyday Albertans who worked hard and opened their homes to welcome thousands of displaced refugees during the crisis.

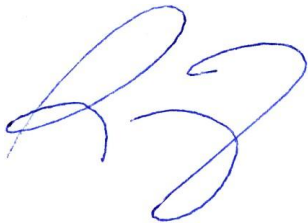
In Alberta, we have built a strong relationship and respect for the Polish people that has left an irreplaceable mark on our shared history. Over 171,000 people of Polish descent call Alberta home, many of whom arrived in the 1980s as a result of the communist dictatorship. Many of our communities and industries were pioneered by Polish immigrants, while Alberta art, academia, and worship are influenced by Polish society.

We must stand against oppression in all its forms. We can never ignore the atrocities the Polish people have endured through, and anniversary events like the one held in December essential to reminding us of the struggles that so many suffered and heroic actions that led to the regime change. I received your invitation to that event and apologize for not being able to attend. I asked Edmonton-McClung NDP MLA Lorne Dach to attend on my behalf as he is a tireless fighter for justice and has many important relationships in your community and so many others.

I want to reaffirm our commitment to the ideals that Alberta's NDP and the Solidarity movement were both built upon. Including universal human rights, workers' rights, and democracy.

My team and I look forward to future opportunities to connect. We wish your community many more years of peace and prosperity.

Z poważaniem



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