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RE: Holodomor: Genocide by Famine Exhibition

I would like to sincerely thank you for the copy of the *Holodomor: Genocide by Famine* exhibit donated to the Embassy of Ukraine in Canada. It is currently displayed at the Embassy, and subsequently we plan to show it at a number of Universities in Ottawa, as well as other public venues. Providing this exhibit, with you help, to different universities and research institutes in Canada, Ukraine and in other countries, we promote the global awareness of this horrible event in human history.

We highly appreciate your work in support of the passage of the Private Member's Bill #61 on the Holodomor at the Ontario Legislative Assembly. Establishing the Ukrainian Famine and Genocide ("Holodomor") Memorial Day in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Alberta is promoting the human rights awareness in Canada, and we believe that your hard work will help Ontario to follow these provinces in the near future.

I also fully support your undertaking on the Holodomor Education Week, which was held November 17-20, 2008 in Toronto. I am sure that disseminating the information about the Holodomor of 1932-33 in Ukraine in the course of the Holodomor Education Week will greatly contribute to the process of including the Ukrainian Famine in the compulsory school curriculums by School Boards in Toronto and other regions of Ontario.

For decades we could not speak about Holodomor, but the memory of it lives in every Ukrainian family. Unless we learn our lessons from history, we will be doomed to repeat its dark moments. Thank you for letting the world know about this horrible event in our history. By acknowledging what had happened in the past, hopefully, we will never allow it to be repeated ever again in the future.

Ukraine remembers, the world acknowledges!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "I. Ostash".

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