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Mr. Nicholas Trofymenko
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Dear Mr. Trofymenko,

On behalf of the United States, please accept my sincere gratitude and appreciation for facilitating last month's digital conversation with your bright group of international affairs students. Not only did your students come well-prepared, but your warm welcome and terrific facilitation ensured we had a thoughtful and genuine dialogue. I only wish I could have been able to join you in person!

Please accept my best wishes on the 25th anniversary of Mariupol University. As I said during our conversation, we are inspired by your academic community's courage and resilience on the front lines of Ukraine's efforts to build a modern, democratic, European state. In Washington, Kyiv, here in Vienna, and beyond, the United States stands with you and all Ukrainians.

We look forward to keeping in touch – and hope your students might find our new VK page (<https://vk.com/usosce>) of interest as we work to continue the dialogue.

Again, thank you. You have my very best.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel B. Baer".

Daniel B. Baer