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Boilermakers Lodge 146  
15220 – 114 Ave NW  
Edmonton, Alberta  
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Attention: Trevor Loren, President  
Ed Sharpe, Chairman of Trustees  
Mack Walker, Business Manager/Secretary Treasurer

On behalf of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress–Alberta Provincial Council (UCC-APC) I wish to express our heartfelt thanks to your organization for their generosity. For the past 2 years starting in the spring of 2022, you opened your doors and your hearts to the plight of Ukrainians fleeing war and destruction in their homeland. The gift of a large space suitable for warehousing furnishings was exactly what the newcomers needed.

This space allowed Ukrainian newcomers the opportunity to select used furniture donations to enable them to start their new lives in Canada. This program was also extremely popular with the broader Edmonton community as people eagerly donated furnishings and dropped them off at your location. We know that several thousand newcomers benefitted from this service and the community as a whole saved many of the items from the landfill. Very rough calculations indicate that the value of the furniture that arrived and left this space was approximately \$8,000,000.00. As this program and location became well-known UCC-APC had to implement additional strategies to manage donations and recipients.

The generosity of the Boilermakers' Lodge 146 went beyond the large space. There were so many acts of kindness during this time that are too numerous to list. Members on-site would often help us with out of schedule donations and large drop-offs that necessitated opening the facility. All of this was accompanied by good humor and good wishes. We hope you will share this letter with your membership and convey our heartfelt thanks. Your generosity has enabled UCC-APC to operate this facility in Edmonton while most other services of this kind in Canada have closed. We wish you and your members continued success in their chosen fields and future endeavors.

Yours truly,

Orysia Boychuk  
President, Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Alberta Provincial Council