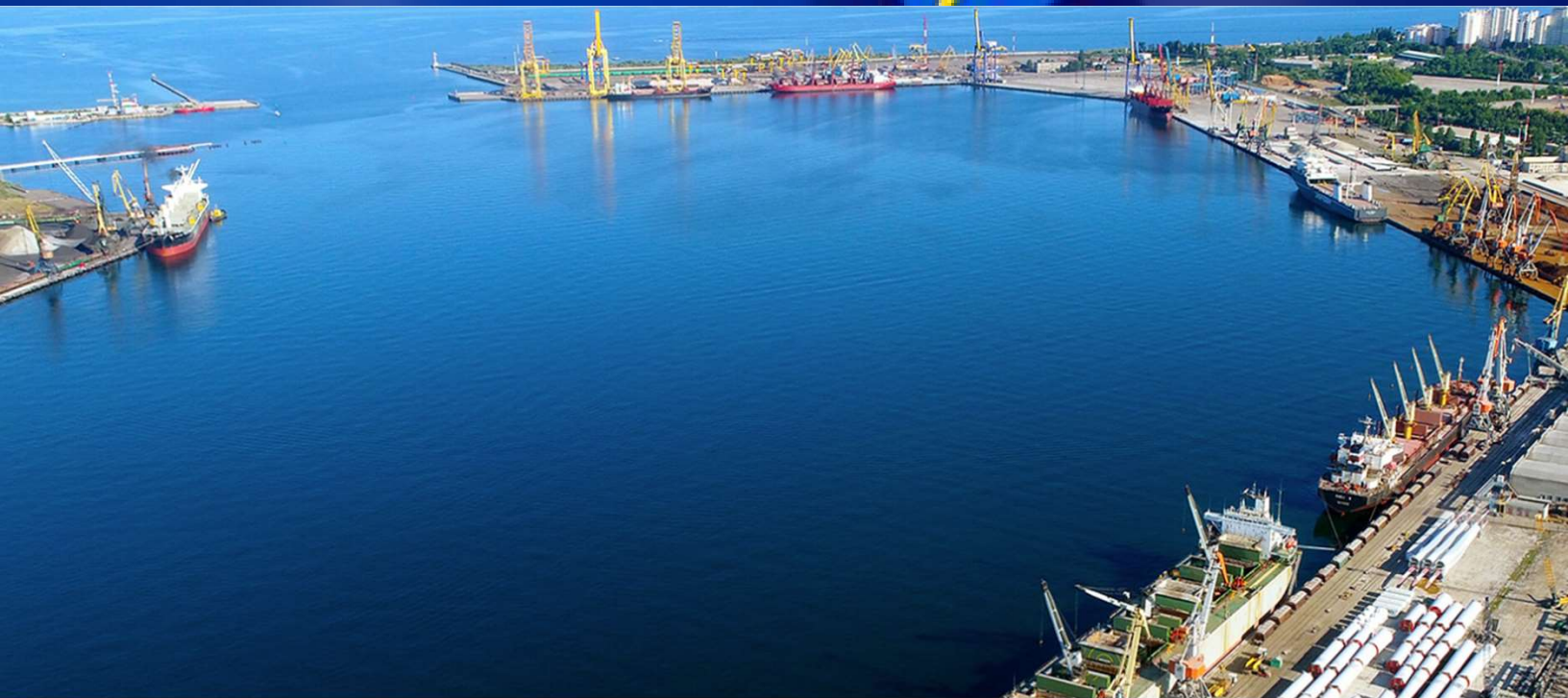


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CITY OF  
**ERIE**  
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December 9, 2024

Mayor Vasyl Huliaiev  
City of Chornomorsk, Ukraine

Dear Mayor Huliaiev,

I wanted to convey my best wishes to you and your city officials from Erie, Pennsylvania.

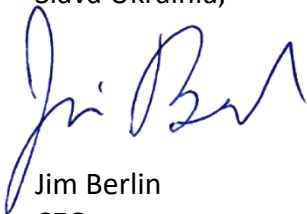
I had the honor of visiting Chornomorsk earlier this year when we delivered two ships of gas pipe to support your nation's energy needs. I had the opportunity to see your city and port and spend time with our employees there.

I cannot make this trip, but my son, who has been there several times, will travel to meet with you. He is bringing you letters of support from other local businesses who want to further cultural, civic, educational, sporting, and business exchanges between our two port cities. Trust me, sir, there will be many more.

I know Derek will represent us well, and I look forward to my next visit and many good days ahead for you and the people of Chornomorsk, getting to know the good people of Erie, Pennsylvania, another port city.

Thank you for your hospitality and support. And, of course, for Ukraine's fight for freedom.

Slava Ukrainia,



Jim Berlin  
CEO  
Logistics Plus, Inc.



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NORTHWEST DELEGATION

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December 10, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to offer my strong support for the Erie-Chornomorsk Sister City initiative and our interest in exploring potential commercial partnerships with businesses in Chornomorsk, Ukraine.

This initiative opens pathways for Erie-based businesses and organizations to explore new markets and partnerships, further solidifying our city's reputation as a forward-thinking, globally engaged community. By connecting with the vibrant community of Chornomorsk, Erie stands to benefit from global collaboration, expanding economic opportunities and strengthening cultural ties between our two cities.

The leadership of Logistics Plus, the City of Erie, and all involved parties is commendable, and their efforts will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact. I encourage businesses and institutions throughout Erie to seize this opportunity to further strengthen our international relationships and contribute to a vision of mutual growth and success.

Together, we can create lasting economic and cultural connections that will benefit both Erie and Chornomorsk for years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. A. Bizzarro".

Ryan A. Bizzarro  
Representative, 3rd Legislative District  
Pennsylvania House of Representatives

December 5, 2024

**To Whom It May Concern,**

**Subject:** Expression of Support for Erie-Chornomorsk Sister City Partnership

On behalf of the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA), we are pleased to express our support for the Erie-Chornomorsk Sister City initiative and our interest in exploring potential commercial partnerships with businesses in Chornomorsk, Ukraine.

We believe that this partnership presents a unique opportunity to foster global collaboration, expand economic opportunities, and strengthen cultural ties between our two cities. At ECGRA, we are committed to contributing to Erie's growth and international reputation by actively supporting this groundbreaking initiative.

While we currently do not have specific plans for collaboration, we are open to discussions about how our business can engage with Chornomorsk's vibrant economy. We are confident that this partnership will create new avenues for mutual growth and success.

We commend the efforts of Logistics Plus, and the City of Erie in making this vision a reality. Please feel free to reach out to us for further discussions or initiatives related to this important project.

Together, we can create lasting economic and cultural connections that will benefit both Erie and Chornomorsk for years to come.

Sincerely,



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December 5, 2024

RE: Expression of Support for Erie-Chornomorsk Sister City Partnership

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Erie Downtown Development Corporation (“EDDC”), we are pleased to express our support for the Erie-Chornomorsk Sister City initiative and our interest in exploring potential commercial partnerships with businesses in Chornomorsk, Ukraine.

We believe that this partnership presents a unique opportunity to foster global collaboration, expand economic opportunities, and strengthen cultural ties between our two cities. At the EDDC, we are committed to contributing to Erie’s growth and international reputation by actively supporting this groundbreaking initiative.

While we currently do not have specific plans for collaboration, we are open to discussions about how our business can engage with Chornomorsk’s vibrant economy. We are confident that this partnership will create new avenues for mutual growth and success.

We commend the efforts of Logistics Plus, and the City of Erie in making this vision a reality. Please feel free to reach out to us for further discussions or initiatives related to this important project.

Together, we can create lasting economic and cultural connections that will benefit both Erie and Chornomorsk for years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Drew Whiting', is written in a cursive style.

Drew Whiting

CEO

Erie Downtown Development Corporation

## ***Expression of Support for Erie-Chornomorsk Sister City Partnership***

December 6, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Epic Web Studios, we are pleased to express our support for the Erie-Chornomorsk Sister City initiative and our interest in exploring potential commercial partnerships with businesses in Chornomorsk, Ukraine.

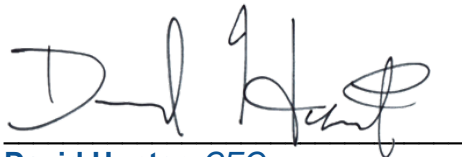
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While we currently do not have specific plans for collaboration, we are open to discussions about how our business can engage with Chornomorsk's vibrant economy. We are confident that this partnership will create new avenues for mutual growth and success.

We commend the efforts of Logistics Plus, and the City of Erie in making this vision a reality. Please feel free to reach out to us for further discussions or initiatives related to this important project.

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Sincerely,



**David Hunter, CEO**

December 12, 2024

Subject: Expression of Support for Erie-Chornomorsk Sister City Partnership

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Erie County Community College, we are pleased to express our support for the Erie-Chornomorsk Sister City initiative and our interest in exploring potential commercial partnerships with businesses in Chornomorsk, Ukraine.

We believe that this partnership presents a unique opportunity to foster global collaboration, expand economic opportunities, and strengthen cultural ties between our two cities. At the Erie County Community College, we are committed to contributing to Erie's growth and international reputation by actively supporting this groundbreaking initiative.

While we currently do not have specific plans for collaboration, we are open to discussions about how our business can engage with Chornomorsk's vibrant economy. We are confident that this partnership will create new avenues for mutual growth and success.

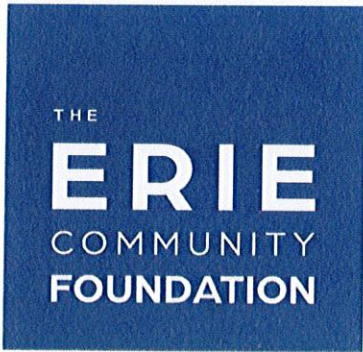
We commend the efforts of Logistics Plus, and the City of Erie in making this vision a reality. Please feel free to reach out to us for further discussions or initiatives related to this important project.

Together, we can create lasting economic and cultural connections that will benefit both Erie and Chornomorsk for years to come.

Yours in Learning,



Chris Gray, Ph.D.  
Founding President



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December 9, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Erie Community Foundation, I am pleased to express my support for Erie's new Sister City agreement with Chornomorsk, Ukraine. This initiative, facilitated by Logistics Plus and supported by the City of Erie, presents a unique opportunity to enhance Erie's global presence and foster meaningful economic and cultural connections. As part of this collaboration, we are excited to join other Erie-based organizations in endorsing a collective statement of support for exploring commercial partnerships with businesses and institutions in Chornomorsk.

This partnership is a powerful step forward in:

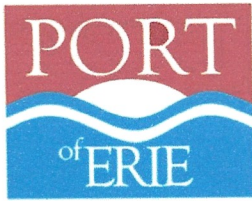
1. **Expanding Global Opportunities:** Building connections with Chornomorsk businesses opens the door to new markets and collaborative ventures.
2. **Showcasing Community Leadership:** Supporting this initiative underscores Erie's forward-thinking approach to international collaboration.
3. **Strengthening Cultural Ties:** This effort builds bridges of understanding and goodwill between two vibrant and dynamic communities.

The Erie Community Foundation is proud to contribute to the growth and international reputation of our region. We commend the efforts of Logistics Plus, the City of Erie, and the Jefferson Educational Society in making this vision a reality. Please feel free to contact me for further discussions or to explore additional opportunities for collaboration.

Sincerely,

Patrick Herr, M.S.W.  
Vice President of Community Impact





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December 5, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

Subject: Expression of Support for Erie-Chornomorsk Sister City Partnership

On behalf of the Erie-Western PA Port Authority, we are pleased to express our support for the Erie-Chornomorsk Sister City initiative and our interest in exploring potential commercial partnerships with businesses in Chornomorsk, Ukraine.

We believe that this partnership presents a unique opportunity to foster global collaboration, expand economic opportunities, and strengthen cultural ties between our two cities. At the Erie-Western PA Port Authority, we are committed to contributing to Erie's growth and international reputation by actively supporting this groundbreaking initiative.

While we currently do not have specific plans for collaboration including here at our Port, we are open to discussions about how our business can engage with Chornomorsk's vibrant economy. We are confident that this partnership will create new avenues for mutual growth and success, especially from "one Port to another".

We commend the efforts of Logistics Plus, and the City of Erie in making this vision a reality. Please feel free to reach out to us for further discussions or initiatives related to this important project.

Together, we can create lasting economic and cultural connections that will benefit both Erie and Chornomorsk for years to come.

Sincerely,

Julie Slomski  
Executive Director  
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# FIVE IRON GOLF

December 5, 2024

RE: Expression of Support for Erie-Chornomorsk Sister City Partnership

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Five Iron Golf Erie, we are pleased to express our support for the Erie-Chornomorsk Sister City initiative and our interest in exploring potential commercial partnerships with businesses in Chornomorsk, Ukraine.

We believe that this partnership presents a unique opportunity to foster global collaboration, expand economic opportunities, and strengthen cultural ties between our two cities. At Five Iron Golf Erie, we are committed to contributing to Erie's growth and international reputation by actively supporting this groundbreaking initiative.

While we currently do not have specific plans for collaboration, we are open to discussions about how our business can engage with Chornomorsk's vibrant economy. We are confident that this partnership will create new avenues for mutual growth and success.

We commend the efforts of Logistics Plus, and the City of Erie in making this vision a reality. Please feel free to reach out to us for further discussions or initiatives related to this important project.

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Sincerely,

Drew Whiting  
Manager and Owner  
Five Iron Golf Erie

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Erie Reader, we are pleased to express our support for the Erie-Chornomorsk Sister City initiative and our interest in exploring potential commercial partnerships with businesses in Chornomorsk, Ukraine.

We believe that this partnership presents a unique opportunity to foster global collaboration, expand economic opportunities, and strengthen cultural ties between our two cities. At the Reader, we are committed to contributing to Erie's growth and international reputation by actively supporting this groundbreaking initiative.

While we currently do not have specific plans for collaboration, we are open to discussions about how our business can engage with Chornomorsk's vibrant economy. We are confident that this partnership will create new avenues for mutual growth and success.

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Sincerely,

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December 4, 2024

Subject: Expression of Support for Erie-Chornomorsk Sister City Partnership

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Gannon University, we are pleased to express our support for the Erie-Chornomorsk Sister City initiative and our interest in exploring potential commercial partnerships with businesses in Chornomorsk, Ukraine.

We believe that this partnership presents a unique opportunity to foster global collaboration, expand economic opportunities, and strengthen cultural ties between our two cities. At Gannon University, we are committed to contributing to Erie's growth and international reputation by actively supporting this groundbreaking initiative.

While we currently do not have specific plans for collaboration, we are open to discussions about how our business can engage with Chornomorsk's vibrant economy. We are confident that this partnership will create new avenues for mutual growth and success.

We commend the efforts of Logistics Plus, and the City of Erie in making this vision a reality. Please feel free to reach out to us for further discussions or initiatives related to this important project.

Together, we can create lasting economic and cultural connections that will benefit both Erie and Chornomorsk for years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Walter Iwanenko Ph.D." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Walter Iwanenko, Ph.D.  
President

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December 9, 2024

**To Whom It May Concern,**

**Subject:** Expression of Support for Erie-Chornomorsk Sister City Partnership

I am pleased to express my support for the Erie-Chornomorsk Sister City initiative and the interest in exploring potential commercial partnerships with businesses in Chornomorsk, Ukraine.

I believe this partnership presents a unique opportunity to foster global collaboration, expand economic opportunities, and strengthen cultural ties between our two cities. As a former Erie County Executive, I am still committed to contributing to Erie's growth and international reputation by actively supporting this groundbreaking initiative.

While there are not currently specific plans for collaboration, discussion is open about how to best engage with Chornomorsk's vibrant economy. I am confident that this partnership will create new avenues for mutual growth and success.

I commend the efforts of Logistics Plus and the City of Erie in making this vision a reality. Please feel free to reach out to me for further discussions or initiatives related to this important project.

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Sincerely,



**Judith Lynch, Ph.D.**

Erie County Executive, 1982-2001



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December 9, 2024

RE: Expression of Support for Erie-Chornomorsk Sister City Partnership

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett, P.C., we are pleased to express our support for the Erie-Chornomorsk Sister City initiative and our interest in exploring potential professional relationships with businesses in Chornomorsk, Ukraine.

We believe that this relationship presents a unique opportunity to foster global collaboration, expand economic opportunities, and strengthen cultural ties between our two cities. At Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett, P.C., we are committed to contributing to Erie's growth and international reputation by actively supporting this groundbreaking initiative.

While we currently do not have specific plans for collaboration, we are open to discussions about how our firm can engage with Chornomorsk's vibrant economy. We are confident that this initiative will create new avenues for mutual growth and success.

We commend the efforts of Logistics Plus and the City of Erie in making this vision a reality. Please feel free to reach out to us for further discussions or initiatives related to this important project.

Together, we can create lasting economic and cultural connections that will benefit both Erie and Chornomorsk for years to come.

Very truly yours,

KNOX McLAUGHLIN GORNALL &  
SENNETT, P.C.

By: 

Thomas A. Tupitza

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Citizens of Chornomorsk,

On behalf of Lyndal Enterprises we are pleased to express our support for the Erie-Chornomorsk Sister City initiative and our interest in exploring potential commercial partnerships with businesses in Chornomorsk, Ukraine.

We believe that this partnership presents a unique opportunity to foster global collaboration, expand economic opportunities, and strengthen cultural ties between our two cities. At Lyndal Enterprises we are committed to contributing to Erie's growth and international reputation by actively supporting this groundbreaking initiative.

While we currently do not have specific plans for collaboration, we are open to discussions about how our business can engage with Chornomorsk's vibrant economy. We are confident that this partnership will create new avenues for mutual growth and success.

We commend the efforts of Logistics Plus, and the City of Erie in making this vision a reality. Please feel free to reach out to us for further discussions or initiatives related to this important project.

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Sincerely,  
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December 9, 2024

**To Whom It May Concern,**

**Subject:** Expression of Support for Erie-Chornomorsk Sister City Partnership

I am pleased to express my support for the Erie-Chornomorsk Sister City initiative and the interest in exploring potential commercial partnerships with businesses in Chornomorsk, Ukraine.

I believe this partnership presents a unique opportunity to foster global collaboration, expand economic opportunities, and strengthen cultural ties between our two cities. As a former Mayor of Erie, Pennsylvania, I am still committed to contributing to Erie's growth and international reputation by actively supporting this groundbreaking initiative.

While there are not currently specific plans for collaboration, discussion is open about how to best engage with Chornomorsk's vibrant economy. I am confident that this partnership will create new avenues for mutual growth and success.

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Sincerely,



**Joyce Savocchio**  
Mayor, City of Erie 1990-2002  
Erie City Council, 1981-1989





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December 5, 2024

**Subject:** Expression of Support for Erie-Chornomorsk Sister City Partnership

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Penn State Behrend, we are pleased to express our support for the Erie-Chornomorsk Sister City initiative and our interest in exploring potential commercial partnerships with businesses in Chornomorsk, Ukraine.

We believe that this partnership presents a unique opportunity to foster global collaboration, expand economic opportunities, and strengthen cultural ties between our two cities. At Penn State Behrend, we are committed to contributing to Erie's growth and international reputation by actively supporting this groundbreaking initiative.

While we currently do not have specific plans for collaboration, we are open to discussions about how our business can engage with Chornomorsk's vibrant economy. We are confident that this partnership will create new avenues for mutual growth and success.

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Sincerely,

Ralph M. Ford, Ph.D.