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Honorable Mateusz Morawiecki
The Prime Minister of Poland

Your Excellency,

On behalf of Polonia Institute, I would like to express my gratitude and assurance of our Institute's support for Your Excellency's firm stand against accusations of responsibility for the Holocaust and anti-Semitism against Poland and the Polish nation. We believe no explanations or apologies are needed for highlighting the fact that during World War II there were individuals in all ethnic groups who behaved less than honorably. Your statement answering a question in Munich was vital due to growing accusations against the Polish nation for responsibility for the German extermination of Jews. An objective look at the history of World War II or building real Polish-Jewish reconciliation is not possible without acknowledging key historical facts, until now conveniently omitted or hidden.

We, Poles living abroad, along with our compatriots in Poland, are proud of Your Excellency's efforts to correct the history and to defend the good name of the Polish nation and Poland. The long overdue amendment to the Institute of National Remembrance Act has caused a wave of anti-Polonism and increased falsification of Polish history on the international scene. It presents us with the opportunity to take action to set Poland's history right. We were unable to break through with our view of history previously. Our goal must be to assert Poland's sovereign right to enact legislation defending the good name of Poles and Poland. We must not allow political centers often hostile to Poland to dictate the policies of the Polish state.

Poles living in Poland and abroad are grateful to Your Excellency for delivering the historical truth to the world notwithstanding pressure and attacks. We must remember that only those who respect themselves are respected. Not repelling unjustified attacks would encourage more attacks and bring true disaster, for which Poland would pay an immeasurable price. Poland should not have to apologize for misinformation caused by decades of falsified Polish history. It should not be Poland's role to explain the Holocaust, but rather the undertaking of those who often deliberately and consciously act to our detriment using obvious lies.

Thank you very much, Your Excellency Mister Prime Minister! We support you in the fight to preserve the dignity of Poland and Poles, and to preserve the memory of millions of our forefathers persecuted and murdered by WWII occupiers.

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and play its proper role as a great nation in the heart of Europe.*

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