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Mr. Frank J. Spula, President
Polish American Congress
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Dear Mr. Spula:

On behalf of the American Latvian Association, please accept our condolences over the tragic death of President Lech Kaczynski, his wife Maria, and other distinguished members of Polish society. If possible, please communicate these condolences to the Polish American Community, and the whole Polish Nation.

Latvians have long viewed Poland as an ally and friend. Ninety years ago, joint Latvian and Polish forces were victorious in the Battle of Daugavpils. This victory assured Latvia's independence. More recently, Mr. Kaczynski worked in close harmony with Latvia's President, Valdis Zatlers. This cooperation was a modern day symbol of the old friendship between the two nations.

Especially because of this shared history, we would like to express our deepest sympathy for the loss of all 96 people who died in this plane crash. Our thoughts and our prayers are with the surviving family members.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Juris Mežinskis'.

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