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Cook County Treasurer

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Frank J. Spula
President
Polish American Congress
5711 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Chicago, IL 60646

Dear President Spula:

Please accept my congratulations as the Polish American Congress celebrates its 75th Diamond Jubilee as one of the most significant organizations of its kind.

Its roots go to 1944, when a Congress of Polonia met in Buffalo, N.Y., and set about urging the American government to support a free and democratic Poland. That effort was ultimately unsuccessful, but a seed had been planted.

The Polish American Congress came into being and grew astonishingly in size and in importance. This was a voice to be heard, in this country, in Poland and around the world.

And heard it has been. Today, the PAC is an umbrella whose organizations cover more than 10 million persons of Polish descent from around this country whose contributions cover the full range of economic and cultural activities of our culture.

With values that are simultaneously Polish and American, they help make the bedrock of this country, and I am proud to call myself a friend of the Polish community of Chicagoland, of the United States and of the Republic of Poland.

Long may the Polish American Congress continue on its mission of representing the people and interests of those whose heritage lies in Poland.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maria".

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