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Dear Friends:

Today you are gathered together in Bridgeport for the annual Ukrainian flag raising ceremony. This occasion, signifying Ukraine's independence on their nation's holiday, reminds us all of the tremendous strength and resilience of the Ukrainian people and their indomitable spirit. As members of the Bridgeport family and representatives of Connecticut as a whole, the Ukrainian community has played a pivotal role in Connecticut's cultural diversity while simultaneously broadening our understanding of the world.

Thank you for the important role you play in the Fairfield and New Haven counties. While today is marked to honor the independence of the Ukrainian nation, we celebrate each day the knowledge that as a result of that independence, our communities thrive with the wonderful contributions of Ukrainian-Americans. I take immense pride in knowing that I can represent the Ukrainian-American Community of Fairfield and New Haven counties in the United States Senate and strengthen U.S. relations with Ukraine as a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. As you raise the Ukrainian flag, know that you are all proud representatives for those who fought for the independence we celebrate today.

Sincerely,



Christopher S. Murphy  
United States Senator