



October 27, 2022

Maria Yatseiko
Head of Lviv Regional Organization
Trade Union of Education and Science Workers of Ukraine
House of Scientists
6 Lystopadovoho Chynu St.
Lviv, Ukraine 79049

Dear Maria:

Our mission to Ukraine was taken to another level thanks to your efforts. From coordinating dinners, planning the union assembly, and setting up our meeting with Mayor Sadovyi, your efforts were felt throughout our entire time with you. Thanks to you, we saw, in person, the resilience and strength of Ukrainian educators as they struggle to continue providing community to students displaced by the war and shaken by attacks against them.

Spending time with you in Lviv has deepened my intensity to continue supporting Ukraine and TUESWU not just during this war, but beyond it as well. Bearing witness to the stories of the atrocities committed against teachers across Ukraine was highly impactful, and their response even more so. The resilience to defend democracy and fight for freedom and the future of your children was inspirational and pushes me every day to make sure your stories are heard.

We promise you that the stories you shared, the documents you provided and the testimony you gave us will be spread as widely as possible. Your courage and strength will be held up by the AFT as we continue to do all that we can to aid you in this fight and find ways to continue to assist you.

Sincerely,

Randi Weingarten
AFT President

cc: Olha Chabaniuk, Vice President, TUESWU

The American Federation of Teachers is a union of professionals that champions fairness; democracy; economic opportunity; and high-quality public education, healthcare and public services for our students, their families and our communities. We are committed to advancing these principles through community engagement, organizing, collective bargaining and political activism, and especially through the work our members do.

American Federation
of Teachers, AFL-CIO

AFT Teachers
AFT PSRP
AFT Higher Education
AFT Public Employees
AFT Nurses and Health
Professionals

555 New Jersey Ave. N.W.
Washington, DC 20001
202-879-4400
www.aft.org

Randi Weingarten
PRESIDENT

Fredrick C. Ingram
SECRETARY/TREASURER

Evelyn DeJesus
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENTS

J. Philippe Abraham
Shelvy Y. Abrams
Frederick R. Albert
Victor M. Bonilla Sánchez
Vicky Rae Byrd
Zeph Capo
Larry J. Carter, Jr.
Kathy A. Chavez
Donna M. Chiera
Melissa Cropper
Amanda Curtis
James C. Davis
Stacy Davis Gates
Jolene T. DiBrango
GlenEva Dunham
Francis J. Flynn
Jeffery M. Freitas
David Gray
Ron Gross
Anthony M. Harmon
David Hecker
Karla Hernandez-Mats
Jan Hochadel
Jerry T. Jordan
Frederick E. Kowal
Terrence Martin, Sr.
Kara McCormick-Lyons
Daniel J. Montgomery
Michael Mulgrew
Dr. Irene Mulvey
Shari Obrenski
Andrew Pallotta
Donna Phillips, RN
Juan Ramirez
Andrew Spar
Denise Specht
Wayne Spence
Arthur G. Steinberg
Jessica J. Tang
Adam Urbanski
Debbie White, RN
Carl Williams
Sarah Wofford

