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Dear Mr. Martin!

We, Ukrainian migrants who work and pay taxes in European countries, are always watching with hope and gratitude for the initiatives of the European Union to integrate Ukraine into the European community in which we currently live and the values of which we accepted for ourselves.

Respecting the culture, traditions and language of the people who gave us the opportunity to resolve our economic and social problems by providing us with employment but we still continue to support our country with a strong desire to travel to European countries in the future, not in the status of migrants, but as rightful citizens of Ukraine, a member of the EU..

Unfortunately the last Resolution of the European Parliament on Ukraine (dated 13 December 2012, hereinafter, the "Resolution"), namely, Paragraph 8 on Ukrainian nationalism and the party "Svoboda" makes us wonder whether EU member states want to see us just as cheap labor or as equal partners of a neighboring state?

Ukraine is not the only nation in the European geographic area, which has paid so dearly for the privilege to be called as such by millions of innocent victims of Holodomor, repressions and tortures.

There are already enough unclassified documents that give grounds for a new "Nuremberg" trial for the horrible crimes of the communist regime in the Soviet Union and its satellites. But the European Parliament has still not acknowledged the worst of these crimes – the Holodomor of 1932-33 as a genocide against the Ukrainian people. The Ukrainian people have yet to receive an apology for the silence of a civilized Europe during Stalin's artificially induced death machine - the Holodomor. Instead, paragraph 8 of the resolution openly condemns the victims, not the perpetrators of the communist regime of the Soviet Union.

Most importantly, the main cause of the mass migration of Ukrainians to the other European countries at the end of the last century and until now was inherited from the Soviet Union's corrupt system of government. Leaders of the new Ukrainian state who in the past were the communist leaders changed their titles but they did not change their mentality. Instead of the dream of liberty and future generations of Ukrainian patriots in a truly democratic Ukraine, they have built a "de facto" oligarchic government system in which there is no place for the Ukrainians as an ethnic group. As such, their language, culture and identity of Ukraine are being destroyed.

The Svoboda party won the majority of the votes in the last election of the Ukrainian Parliament in 2012 in the foreign voting stations located in EU countries with a large presence of Ukrainian labor migrants. What Ukraine needs as a nation is support from outside countries from further attrition, not condemnation due to false and defamatory misconceptions.

This is the reason as to why we made our choice, taking into consideration values embraced in the countries of our current residence. And, unlike the Bulgarian Deputy, who authored Article 8 of the Resolution we believe that the real threat to Ukrainian society is the ruling Party of Regions with its anti-democratic methods of governance and its support of corruption, not the Svoboda party in alliance with other opposition parties that want to bring Ukraine to the European level of development and who have already begun to implement it.

For these reasons, honorable Mr. President of the European Parliament, we ask you to withdraw the Resolution, regarding Ukrainian nationalism and the Svoboda Party taking into account the wishes of the Ukrainian labor migrants who are deprived of political rights to vote in the EU, but who directly contribute by their work to the development of the European Union.

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