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Dear Mayor LaGrande, City Commissioners, and City Manager Mark Washington,

I am writing to you today to offer my full support for Grand Rapids Sister Cities International (GRSCI) in its request to elevate our relationship with Dnipro, Ukraine, from its current status as a "Friendship City" to a full-fledged "Sister City." This step would honor the strong ties between our two cities and deepen our commitment to solidarity with Dnipro, especially in the wake of the ongoing war in Ukraine.

Dnipro has shown extraordinary resilience, and its people continue to demonstrate courage in the face of adversity. In light of these unprecedented times, it is more important than ever that we strengthen our partnership and elevate our relationship to a Sister City status, a symbol of our mutual support and shared values of peace, humanitarianism, and global cooperation.

Furthermore, I respectfully request your continued financial support for Grand Rapids Sister Cities International, which plays a pivotal role in nurturing these international relationships. Your support ensures the mission of GRSCI remains sustainable, allowing us to continue our work in fostering international peacekeeping and goodwill at the local level within our community. By maintaining this vital partnership, Grand Rapids remains a key player in fostering global understanding, and our investment in these programs enriches the city, creating a lasting impact for generations to come.

Thank you for considering this request and for your continued support of the vital work being done by Grand Rapids Sister Cities International. With your backing, I am confident we can strengthen our commitment to peace and global cooperation through this important step.

If you have any questions, please contact my office at [CAGlanville@house.mi.gov](mailto:CAGlanville@house.mi.gov) or 517-373-0476

Sincerely,

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