



## Central and East European Coalition

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To the President and Prime Minister of the Republic of Estonia, and Estonian Memory Institute:

The Central and East European Coalition (CEEC) of the United States, representing over 20 million Americans of Central and Eastern European heritage, wishes to extend its congratulations to the Government of Estonia for helping initiate and support the development of a new international museum and research center in Tallinn, Estonia to investigate and raise awareness of the crimes of communism in the Baltic countries, Europe and around the world.

Millions of Americans and their families have suffered deep traumas at the hands of both Soviet and Nazi terror, and the legacy of these regimes demands further ongoing research and global exposure. As the Kremlin intensifies its efforts to manipulate this history and deny important historical facts in efforts to drive wedges within our communities and alliances, preserving it and raising awareness the truth, has never been as important as it is today.

We hope and encourage other international governments and institutions to support this important project.

Only by learning from the past and from our shared experiences, can we ensure that freedom and democracy will be secured in Europe and around the world.

On behalf of the CEEC,

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