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*Mantas Jurgutis*  
*President of the Union of the Baltic Cities*

Dear Mr. Mantas Jurgutis

Let me express my gratitude for the support of Ukrainian reforms by Baltic countries and hope for the further mutually beneficial cooperation.

The importance of cooperation between countries of the Baltic-Black Sea Belt significantly increased in the current geopolitical conditions. Strengthening of cooperation between the countries of the Baltic-Black Sea region will allow the participating countries to obtain a competitive advantages, to develop the economies and trade more actively, as well as to strengthen the security of the countries and the region as a whole. And Ukraine is interested to contribute to the development of cooperation in the Baltic-Black Sea region.

In this regard, we are interested to join the Union of the Baltic Cities.

Please let us know if Ukrainian cities could join the Union of the Baltic Cities as a full members? Which responsibilities and opportunities arise when joining and what are the membership fees and terms of payment for the Ukrainian cities? Do we need to participate in all programs when joining, or we can select one or more programs?

We sincerely hope that closer direct cooperation between the Baltic and Ukrainian cities will promote further reforms and European integration of Ukraine, as well as cultural exchanges and strengthen the economic cooperation.

We hope for further fruitful cooperation and will be happy to welcome you in Ukraine.

Sincerely,

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Co-head of the deputy group  
of the Parliament of Ukraine on inter-parliamentary  
relations with the Republic of Lithuania