

Mr. Andy Street CBE Mayor of the West Midlands

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Dear Colleague,

First, allow me on behalf of Kyiv and the Ukrainian nation to express our highest consideration to you and all the officials and residents of the West Midlands for your consistent support of Ukraine. In these difficult times, it is the support of our friends for citizens in need, both who took refuge in your in towns and cities of the West Midlands and those who are weathering all the challenges at their homes in Kyiv, that helps us see who our true friends are, and our friendship is only growing stronger due to your actions.

With this war lasting more than a year already, and with Homes for Ukraine scheme nearing its 1 year anniversary I would like stress the value of people in the UK and around the world understanding the importance of further support of Ukraine and its citizens. As only by defending our common democratic values to the very end, we can succeed in calling ourselves free. I am positive that together we can not only withstand all the issues we are having because of this abominable invasion, but also make the world a better safer place.

Using this opportunity, I would like to further express our gratitude for your constant support of Kyiv and Ukraine throughout the last year and extend our hopes that the this year will bring us all peace and positive events that would warm the hearts of our people.

Sincerely,

Vitaliy Klitschko