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Dear Friends:

Welcome to the opening ceremony of the Kyiv “Ideal House” exhibition. The “Let’s Build a Roof Over the World” has, for almost six year now, been critical in the establishment and cultivation of valuable intercultural dialogue between New England and post-soviet states. Though your intensive, interdisciplinary cultural project, you have made meaningful progress in connecting the subjective experiences of Americans and individuals from post-soviet states. Moreover, in an era of global discord, your project’s pursuit of a collective transnational network is integral to our shared goals of world peace and prosperity.

As a leader in the United States, it becomes clearer to me every day that the most pressing and fundamental objectives of our generation should be to ensure that our children are exposed to discursive spaces of intellectual and artistic exchange and self-exploration. In light of this, the “Let’s Build a Roof Over the World” project’s emphasis on education is central to its importance and innovation. Exposure to the arts is an invaluable resource in our country, and the Fermata Arts Organization’s program blending of poetic, architectural, and artistic forms exemplifies how such exposure can manifest itself in a meaningful way. As a member of the subcommittee on Eastern European affairs, I know how deeply important it is to foster a constructive community dialogue, both within nations and also across borders, building bridges between post-soviet states and the United States. With a bit of luck, and the continued tireless efforts of your organization, our children will grow up to actualize the dreams and creative aspirations that you and I share for nations across the globe.

Every Best Wish,



Christopher Murphy
United States Senator