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Meras Artūras Zuokas Didžioji g. 31, Vilnius 01128 Lithuania

Dear Mayor Zuokas,

I am writing to you as a Jew with deep family roots in Lithuania, who has visited your city many times and who has personally monitored the neo-Nazi march held in Vilnius in 2014.

As you well know, once again the neo-Nazis and ultranationalists plan to march in the center of Vilnius on Wednesday, March 11 to mark Lithuanian independence day. I think that it should be obvious to you that such a march in which the main slogan is "Lithuania for Lithuanians," and numerous Lithuanian swastikas are shown along with the image of Third Reich supporter Juozas Ambrazevicius who collaborated with the Nazis in the murder of the Jewish residents of Kaunas, is hardly an appropriate manner to celebrate Lithuanian independence.

Under such circumstances, I would hope that legal basis exists to cancel the march, or at least have it conducted elsewhere, under strict limitations against incitement and Holocaust distortion.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely yours

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