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Mr. Marcin Chumiecki
Director
The Polish Mission of the Orchard Lake Schools
3535 Commerce Road
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Dear Mr. Chumiecki,

I join with you and your colleagues in respectfully observing the 72nd anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau and the International Day of Commemoration of the Victims of the Holocaust.

This year, as I did last year, I will join Polish and international leaders to mark this day on that hallowed ground in Poland. We will hear stories of both horror and survival and remember the incredible loss to humanity—all the lives cut short and forever changed. Each time I visit Auschwitz-Birkenau, I am struck by its stillness, which so sharply clashes with the harsh reality of the atrocities that took place just over seven decades ago. No matter where we mark this day, we reaffirm our shared responsibility to stand and fight for the rights of all people, across the world.

I salute the efforts of The Polish Mission to mark this day, support Holocaust education, and advance the strong ties between Poland and the United States. From all of us at the U.S. Embassy, we send warm greetings.

Sincerely,



Paul W. Jones