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Statement of Congratulations on 2024 U.S. Presidential Election

The American Latvian Association (ALA) congratulates Donald J. Trump for his election victory to become the 47th President of the United States.

Under Mr. Trump's leadership, we look forward to continued strong relations between the U.S. and Latvia, especially in terms of economic, diplomatic and military partnerships. Latvia is a staunch ally of the U.S., having stood shoulder-to-shoulder with American troops in engagements in Iraq and Afghanistan, and currently spending over three percent of its GDP for defense, as a model among fellow NATO allies.

We recognize that Russia's murderous invasion of Ukraine is a strategic threat to our U.S. interests in Latvia and our own national security long term. We appreciate that Mr. Trump's first Administration authorized the transfer of U.S. lethal weapons to Ukraine, to help the people of Ukraine defend themselves. Moreover, we urge Mr. Trump to continue to provide robust military aid to Ukraine and further enable its efforts to regain all its territories currently occupied by Russia. We also ask the new Administration to support Ukraine in its efforts to join Western institutions including the European Union and NATO.

ALA wishes Mr. Trump full success in leading our country, our NATO allies and our partners across the world to lasting peace and prosperity.

The American Latvian Association is the leading representative organization for the Latvian-American community. Through member organizations, churches and clubs across the nation, ALA represents over 90,000 Americans of Latvian descent who have strong ties to their Latvian heritage, history and political freedom. Especially through its partnership organizations, the Joint Baltic American National Committee (JBANC) and the Central and East European Coalition (CEEC), ALA works in a non-partisan, non-endorsing manner to protect its members' interests in Latvia.