

The Honorable _____
House of Representatives
Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia
2170 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman:

I urge you to support **H. Con. Res. 44**, a resolution calling for an independent international investigation of the April 10, 2010 plane crash in Smolensk, Russia that killed the President of Poland and 95 other prominent political, military, social and religious leaders, **including several NATO generals and one American citizen**, Mr. Wojciech Seweryn, the son of one of the 22,000 Polish soldiers murdered by the Soviets in Katyn, Russia in 1940.

Many American and Polish experts agree that the official report of the Russian-dominated *Interstate Aviation Committee* (MAK) should be disregarded because it is merely a Russian propaganda tool designed to mislead the public about the real cause and circumstances of the crash.

I share the conviction of many Polish-Americans and Poles that it is in the long-term interest of the U.S. and NATO to uncover all of the facts regarding the crash, and to determine its cause. The appalling actions of the Russian government lead many objective observers to the conclusion that Russia is not interested in revealing the real cause of the crash. The following facts speak for themselves:

1. Russia refuses to return the flight data recorders and the wreckage of the plane to Poland.
2. The Russians have mutilated physical evidence, including the plane wreckage and the crash site.
3. The plane hasn't been reconstructed. The plane wreckage continues to rust in the open air.
4. A thorough physical and chemical analysis of the plane wreckage hasn't been conducted.
5. A thorough examination of the crash site hasn't been conducted.
6. Serious mistakes have been found in some of the Russian autopsy reports of the victims of the crash. This may indicate that the reports have been falsified.
7. Russian authorities have invalidated the initial testimony of the air traffic controllers who were on duty at the time of the crash.
8. Russia did not permit Polish experts to conduct a professional investigation of the crash. Access to physical evidence was severely restricted and often denied.

Was the crash a political assassination, or was it caused by incompetent Russian airport personnel? Only an independent international investigation can come close to answering this question. Polish-American voters and the people of Poland, including the families of those who were killed in the crash, are counting on you to do everything you can to support H. Con. Res. 44 .

Sincerely,

Signature: _____

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