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STATE OF MARYLAND
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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Mr. Aleksandr Drozdenko
Governor
Leningrad Region
Russian Federation

Dear Governor Drozdenko:

The goal of subnational cooperation is to promote peace and prosperity between communities via local governments. With the view to establishing bilateral relations and engaging in mutual exchange, the governors of the State of Maryland and the Leningrad Region signed an agreement in 1993 creating a Sister State partnership.

That notwithstanding, it is the duty of every government to remain vigilant of unlawful acts against public order, democratic principles, and innocent civilians. Having witnessed the unprovoked invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation, I am obliged to immediately dissolve and terminate Maryland's partnership with the Leningrad Region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Larry Hogan".

Larry Hogan
Governor