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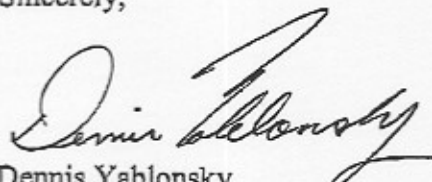
To the Russian Mayors' Delegation and the Mid-Atlantic Russia Business Council:

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I would like to express our support for the visit by the Russian Mayors' Delegation to Pennsylvania being organized by the Mid-Atlantic Russia Business Council on July 12, 2006. Your delegation's visit is particularly timely, coming only days before the G8 Summit, to be held for the first time in Russia. I understand that the delegation will consist of more than thirty local government officials and businessmen, including mayors and heads of administration representing more than 10 cities and regions from across Russia. We welcome you to Pennsylvania and your participation in events designed to foster political, commercial and cultural interactions between the United States and Russia.

I would like to commend the Mid-Atlantic Russia Business Council for organizing the delegation's visit, the Council's work in organizing numerous Russian-American events, and bringing Russian delegations to Pennsylvania each year. Such efforts play a vital role in increasing political and economic interactions between the Commonwealth and Russia.

The Commonwealth is proud that the Russian Mayor's Delegation has chosen to visit Pennsylvania during its stay in the United States. We look forward to your visit and we applaud the efforts of the Mid-Atlantic Russia Business Council to make Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic region the premier center for Russian-American cooperation.

Sincerely,


Dennis Yablonsky
Secretary