

## STATE OF DELAWARE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DELAWARE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

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Mr. Val Kogan President Mid-Atlantic Russian Business Council 1760 Market Street, Suite 1100 Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear Mr. Kogan:

The core mission of the Delaware Economic Development Office is to attract, retain and expand business. In the past year, we have been especially successful in accomplishing this goal on a global scale. We applaud the Mid-Atlantic Russian Business Council for fostering similar business efforts between Russia and the U.S. We have also intensified efforts to attract innovative companies to join our cadre of firms thriving in the life sciences. As such, we are excited to once again welcome the Russian delegation to our region for next month's Russian-American Innovation Technology (RANIT) Weeks and this fall's Days of Russian-American Innovation Entrepreneurship Cooperation (RAVC 2014).

The Delaware Economic Development Office is responsible for attracting new investors and businesses to Delaware, for promoting the expansion of existing industry, assisting small and minority-owned businesses, promoting and developing tourism and creating new and improved employment opportunities for all citizens of Delaware.

We congratulate the Mid-Atlantic Russian Business Council on its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and we hope to continue to enhance our mutual business relationships.

Sincerely,

Alan Levin Director Delaware Economic Development Office