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Mr. Steven Fulop
The Honorable Steven Fulop Mayor
Jersey City, NJ 07302

Honorable Mayor,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Polish American Congress, which is the umbrella organization representing other Polish – American organizations throughout the United States.

With your announcement last week of the removal of Katyn Memorial monument on Exchange Place, our offices have been inundated with phone calls and messages concerning your decision.

To remedy this sensitive situation, we need to create a dialogue and resolve this matter in a professional manner, with consideration to the Polish American community.

This monument honors the victims of the 1940 Soviet massacre of Polish Officers and civilians reflecting the torture they endured. For Poles around the world, it is a painful reminder of the atrocities of war, and a symbol of truth, history, and perseverance.

Based on the documents I was able to obtain, the city of Jersey City enacted a resolution establishing a plaza for the placement of a monument.

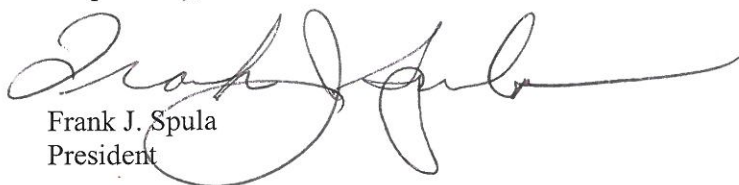
The Municipal Council of the city of New Jersey approved the following Resolution:

“Now therefore be it resolved, by the Municipal Council of the City of Jersey City that there is hereby established a Plaza for the placement of a monument to honor the brave deceased members of the Polish Office Corp which Plaza shall be known as the Katyn Monument Plaza and which shall be located on the southerly side of Exchange Place opposite the Path Station in the area designated on the attached Exchange Place Center Engineering drawing and map.”

We do understand the need for improvements in the current location, however; it is imperative that this monument will be returned to its current location.

We would hope that you are open to discuss this matter and are available to meet at your convenience.

Respectfully,



Frank J. Spula
President