

The White House
Washington, DC

February 15, 2017

Dear Madam President:

Please accept my warmest congratulations on the 99th anniversary of Estonia's independence.

Estonia is a valued ally, friend, and leader in promoting strong transatlantic ties. Your support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine is important for our shared goal of enhancing European and regional security. I look forward to working together to further advance transatlantic ties as you assume the presidency of the European Council later this year.

As a model NATO ally, Estonia has set an example by having already achieved NATO's agreed benchmark of spending two percent of GDP on defense. Furthermore, Estonia's contributions to countering ISIS and our shared military efforts in Afghanistan underline its position as a leader in the promotion of global security. At the same time, Estonia is a leader in 21st century technological innovation.

On behalf of the American people, I wish you and all Estonians a joyful celebration of your independence. We are proud to call Estonia a good friend and ally of the United States of America.

Sincerely,

/s/

Donald J. Trump

H.E. Kersti Kaljulaid,
President,
Republic of Estonian,
Tallinn.



Embassy of the United States of America
The Ambassador

Tallinn, Estonia
February 17, 2017

Dear Madam President:

It is with pleasure that I present to you the enclosed message on the occasion of the 99th anniversary of Estonia's independence from the President of the United States of America Donald J. Trump.

The White House does not plan to release the text of the message, but has no objection if the Government of Estonia wishes to do so. There will be no signed original.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "James D. Melville, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

James D. Melville, Jr.

H.E. Kersti Kaljulaid,
President,
Republic of Estonian,
Tallinn.