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## **CITY GARAGE THEATRE**

**TO:** Mr. Charles Duncombe, Mrs. Frederique Michel

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Andrei Kureichik

## Dear Charles and Frederique,

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to you, the theater's creative staff and the exceptional performers at 'City Garage Theatre' in Santa Monica for harnessing the profound power of theatrical art to support the Belarusian people's fight for freedom and democracy. Your performance, inspired by Belarusian playwright Andrei Kureichik's 'Insulted.Belarus,' effectively enlightens the American audience about the brave resistance of Belarusians against dictator Alexander Lukashenka's tyrannical regime, underscoring the vital importance of democracy, freedom, and solidarity.

My special thanks go to the organizers of the "Voices of New Belarus" event that raised funds for the human rights organization "Viasna" and imprisoned Nobel Laureate Ales Bialiatski in support of Belarusian political prisoners.

Such performances and events significantly contribute to overcoming the scourge of totalitarianism, especially at this critical time when repression in Belarus continues to shatter the lives of countless innocents.

We eagerly anticipate further collaborations between the 'City Garage Theatre' and both the Belarusian community and our friends in the United States.

With sincerity,

Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya President-elect of Belarus