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Your Excellency,

As the Chief Executive of The Society of Local Council Clerks, the professional body representing city, town, parish and community council clerks in England and Wales, I am writing on behalf of our 3,800 members to emphasise our solidarity with the people of Ukraine who have shown such bravery in defence of their country and way of life in the face of Russian invasion.

Local government in the Ukraine, though administratively different to our own, will have dedicated staff, like our member clerks, providing public services to residents. Your mayors and deputies, who, as with most of our local councillors, are volunteers, will be working alongside their staff coordinating the enormous emergency efforts in this deep crisis. Whatever disaster management was already in place, local government staff will be using their reserves of resilience and courage to protect local people, helping them to survive and often at huge risk to themselves.

Please pass on our admiration to these brave public servants who have our absolute admiration and respect.

Many of our local councils are involved in coordinating contributions to the relief work and publicly displaying their support for Ukraine – we wish we could do more. When rebuilding democracy returns, we hope that our members can forge links with your cities, townships and villages.

Yours faithfully,



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