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Dear Rector Professor Olena Shust,
Dear Dean Prof. Volodymyr Sakhniuk,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the member institutions of the AAVMC, I extend our heartfelt condolences to you and your colleagues as you confront the unjust invasion of your country and the horrific war that is being waged against the Ukrainian people. Our thoughts are with you and the academic staff and students of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at Bila Tserkva National Agrarian University during this difficult and challenging time.

The AAVMC inspires innovation and promotes excellence in academic veterinary medicine worldwide. Our membership includes all of the veterinary medical colleges in the United States and Canada as well as several schools in Mexico, the Caribbean, Europe and Australasia. We affirm the dignity and equity of all people and we act in the collective best interest of the academic veterinary medical community in service to society.

The AAVMC supports the globalization of veterinary medical education. We recognize that animal, human and ecosystem health are inextricably intertwined. The root cause of disease outbreaks, disruptions in food supply, and environmental disasters as well as the solutions to address them are rarely restricted to any single country. This reality requires a global response to prevent, detect and respond to these crises.

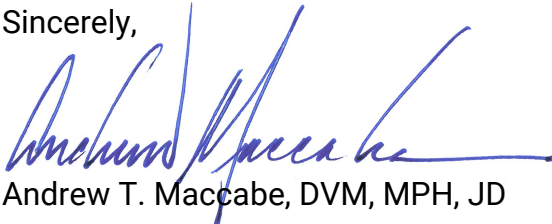
The AAVMC supports transdisciplinary and transboundary collaborations and the necessary and timely international movement of veterinary professionals and students. We advocate for policies and procedures that facilitate the global mobilization of people and

technology to promote knowledge transfer and develop evidence-based standards to ensure health, wellbeing, and safety for animals, humans and our shared ecosystems.

The policies and actions of the Russian government have destabilized the region and directly threatened the freedom and liberty of the Ukrainian people. The harmful and destructive acts of war have imperiled the health and safety of people, animals and the environment. The widespread displacement of people has resulted in vast numbers of refugees seeking shelter and portends a severe humanitarian crisis. We call for an immediate end to hostilities and a rapid return to peace and civil, diplomatic discourse.

We stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and wish to offer our support in whatever way we can. Please let me know if there is anything we can do to support your efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew T. Maccabe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Chief Executive Officer