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Your Excellency President Petro Poroshenko!

We request that you protect the unique natural ecosystems of the Svydovets mountain range!

The Svydovets mountain range plays a tremendously important role in preserving the landscape and biodiversity of the Carpathian Mountains. Here is the place where dozens of rare and endangered plants grow and the migration routes for rare and endangered animal species lie. Here is the source of the Tysa River, which flows through the territory of 5 countries and is the largest tributary of the Danube.

It is here that an enormous ski resort, which is bigger in area than Vyshhorod, Bakhchysarai or Khust, is planned to be built. The consequences of building and operating such ski resort can be catastrophic for the environment and the local communities.

The complex is planned to be built next to the Carpathian Biosphere Reserve, which includes areas belonging to the UNESCO World Heritage and the European Wildlife biodiversity hotspot. For this, approximately 850 ha of forests will be cut down including the primeval forests in Yasynia Forest and Hunting State-Owned Enterprise., where researchers have identified 837,3 ha of primeval forests and 556,9 ha of old-growth near-polonyna forests. The proximity of a ski resort can have an irreversible influence to these unique natural complexes.

Thus, we request that you:

1. Contribute to the creation of new nature reserves in the Tysa basin and Svydovets Highlands and extension of the existing ones.

2. Do not approve the change in the intended purpose of the land within the Yasynia Forestry and Hunting State-Owned Enterprise.
3. Contribute to the approximation of the Ukrainian environmental law to that of the European Union, in particular by initiating voting for the Bill “On the strategic environmental assessment” in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

Respectfully,