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President

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Dear Sergey,

On behalf of Carnegie Corporation of New York and its trustees, I extend my congratulations to the Institute for the USA and Canadian Studies (ISKRAN) on the occasion of its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Carnegie Corporation's engagement with the Institute and its founding director, Georgy Arbatov, dates back to the early 1980s. Throughout the past decades, and at times of nuclear dangers during the Cold War, both our institutions have endeavored to reduce threats by improving mutual understanding and promoting interactions between the U.S. and Russian policy and expert communities. The relationship between the Corporation and the Institute has continued under your leadership, further expanding the study of each country and deepening connections between our respective citizens.

In today's increasingly unstable and volatile world, ISKRAN stands out as an institution with a history of striving to improve U.S.-Russian relations. I wish it all the best for the next 50 years and beyond.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Vartan", written in a cursive style.

Vartan Gregorian