

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

We, voters of Polish origin, appeal to your Administration to waive the visa requirements for Polish citizens traveling to the United States.

For 13 years Poland has not required visas from American citizens traveling to Poland. At the same time Polish citizens are obliged to pay a \$100 fee for merely submitting a visa application. Tens of thousands of those applications are then rejected.

In turn, many Polish citizens who have been granted American visas, are turned away at the border and sent directly back to Poland. Immigration officials have even been known to use handcuffs on these travelers. And unlike citizens of France and Germany which refused to support the United States in Iraq, Poles are subject to the controversial procedures of picture taking and fingerprinting. This is pointlessly humiliating.

Your Administration has praised Poland for its pro-American stance, but words have not been followed by actions.

We believe that Poles deserve better treatment. Thus, we appeal that visa requirements for Polish citizens be waived and that Poles be allowed to travel to the United States without fear of humiliation.

If you want to count on the support of the Polish-American community during the coming elections we urge you to give our request your most serious consideration.

Sincerely,