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Dear Shawna,

On behalf of the Belarusian Congress of Democratic Trade Unions (BKDP) and on my personal behalf let me convey our warmest greetings and best wishes on the occasion of the 20th Solidarity Center Anniversary. The Solidarity Center always "stands with workers as they defend their right to freedom of association, supporting them as they organize, advocate and build worker voice". The independent union movement of Belarus being subjected to the severe pressure by the totalitarian regime in power still survives and keeps on advocating workers' rights and interests. It became possible due to international support and particularly due to tremendous assistance of the Solidarity Center that we have received during all these years.

We wish you new strength in doing your noble work.

In solidarity
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BKDP President