

United States Senate

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United Macedonian Diaspora
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Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to offer a sincere welcome to everyone here tonight for the United Macedonian Diaspora's Winter Extravaganza. While I regret being unable to join you, I would like to commend all of the distinguished guests and individuals in attendance.

The United Macedonian Diaspora (UMD) has played an integral role in serving the Macedonian-American community in Illinois and across the United States. Through your honorable goals of preserving Macedonian heritage, promoting citizenship, and participation in the political process, you have brought important issues to light and encouraged the betterment of countless citizens. I look forward to continuing to work tirelessly on your behalf and best serve you in the U.S. Senate.

Again, my heartfelt congratulations go out to all of you here tonight. I would like to commend UMD President Meto Koloski, Natalia Buling-Betinski, and the rest of the UMD Board for their continued vision, leadership, and guidance. All who contribute to the success of the organization can certainly take pride in all that has been accomplished and look forward to an even brighter and more promising future.

Very truly yours,



Mark Kirk
United States Senator