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Dear Dr. Sikora,

Thank you so much for speaking on the Economic Issues in Shale Gas Development at the Regional Workshop on Shale Gas Exploration and Extraction. We at CRDF Global, along with our co-organizers from the Embassy of the Republic of Poland to Ukraine and the State Agency on Science, Innovation, and Informatization of Ukraine, very much appreciate the time and effort you put into your presentation to make the workshop a success.

The feedback we have received from this workshop is extremely positive. The information you presented was both useful and timely. All responses were enthusiastic about the content and the overall quality of the workshop, and we had great feedback on your presentation. From the macroeconomic impact to the details such as the need for more drilling rigs, you showed the whole impact shale gas development has on the economy.

Of course, any discussion, no matter how productive, means very little without further action. Please stay in touch with us over the next few months as we develop follow-on activities to the workshop. New opportunities will be posted on CRDF Global's website in English (http://www.crdfglobal.org/grants-and-grantees/current-funding-opportunities) and Ukrainian (http://crdf.org.ua/funding/index.html).

Once again, thank you for sharing your time and your expertise with our participants. We look forward to working with you again in the future.

Sincerely,

John Hurley

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