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Dear Mr. Bartkus:

I am writing to thank you for your important service these last years as Chair of the Open Society Lithuania board. You took on the reins at a difficult transitional time in the Foundation's history and have helped adjust its overall orientation to meet a dramatically changed environment.

I particularly value your support advancing the first ever public defender program in Central and Eastern Europe in your prior incarnation as Minister of Justice. The recent announcement of the state's institutionalization of these legal aid offices is a great achievement. We look forward to your continued support and guidance on such legal reform efforts.

Best wishes,



George Soros