

An Open Letter to Prime Minister Donald Tusk

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Mr. Prime Minister,

Let's put aside the diplomatic slogans about "European solidarity" and "democratic values." We don't have time for poetry anymore. I am writing to you as a Polish woman, a mother, and someone who understands exactly what kind of historical moment we are trapped in.

Poland is facing a direct, cynical, and ruthless threat from Russia. This is no longer a "hybrid crisis" or an abstract geopolitical game. They are testing our borders, sabotaging our factories, and trying to paralyze our society with fear. We all see it. We all know that Ukraine is fighting for its life, and if they fall, we are next in line.

As the leader of this country, your main job is not to give eloquent speeches in Brussels. Your job is to make sure we survive. And right now, as a citizen, I have very concrete, pragmatic questions for you and your government:

Where are the real shelters? If, God forbid, rockets start falling on Warsaw, Kraków, or

Rzeszów tomorrow, where are my children supposed to go? Millions of Poles have no access to basic civil defense infrastructure. We need real bunkers, not digital maps that exist only on paper.

Are our citizens actually prepared? Why is there still no massive, nationwide campaign to train ordinary people in basic survival, first aid, and emergency protocols? A resilient nation isn't one that just relies on the professional army; it's a nation where every civilian knows exactly what to do when the sirens go off.

The Border and Sabotage: We see Russian agents burning down shopping malls and trying to infiltrate our strategic infrastructure. Securing Poland means total, uncompromising internal counter-intelligence. Are we doing enough, or are we still bound by slow bureaucratic procedures while the enemy acts with total freedom?

Mr. Tusk, I don't need you to soothe me or tell me that "everything will be fine." I am an educated woman; I know it won't be fine unless we work for it. We don't need a politician who merely shares our anxieties; we need a Prime Minister who organizes our defense down to the last square meter.

And yet, I am writing this to you because I know your caliber. You have an immense weight of political experience, a sharp intellect, and a reputation that commands respect across Europe. You have proven more than once that you can fight, survive, and win when the stakes are at their highest. You have the actual capacity to turn Poland into an impenetrable fortress.

I want to believe in you, and I do believe that you have the strength to make the tough, unfashionable decisions that this historical moment demands. Do not let politics or bureaucracy dilute your resolve. Prove to us that our trust is well-placed. Give us a country that is not just brave, but thoroughly prepared.

I expect clear actions, and I stand ready to support them.

With respect and determination,

Hanna Gemini

P.S. A Personal Audit of the Leader It is one thing to speak eloquently from a podium, and quite another to meet the hard demands of citizens. To understand how effectively Donald Tusk is handling his duties at this critical turning point in history, I have risked rating him on a strict five-point scale (from 1 to 5) based on four key criteria:

Political Experience and Wisdom: 5

Connection with the People (Empathy): 3

Decisiveness and Toughness: 5

Actual Preparedness of the Country: 4

Final Verdict: 4.25 / The Iron Pragmatist. A world-class political heavyweight. He reads external threats perfectly, knows how to play the long game, and is building a compromised, hardline defense strategy. The primary drawback remains the deep political polarization within the country: he is either profoundly respected for his uncompromising stance or just as fiercely criticized.

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