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Dear *Mr/Mrs, Editor, etc.*

After reading an article in your publication, I noticed that you have written the capital city of Ukraine as Kiev. As a Ukrainian-American who is proud of my Ukrainian heritage and who knows the Ukrainian language, I respectfully ask you from this time forward to spell this city as *Kyiv*. This transliteration into English most closely represents its pronunciation in the Ukrainian language. For many years under Soviet occupation, *Kyiv* was written as *Kiev*, which is the Russian transliteration. As Ukraine has entered its 19<sup>th</sup> year of independence, I believe that, by correctly spelling the capital city as *Kyiv*, one is recognizing the importance of the Ukrainian language, and giving respect to Ukraine and its people, as well as to Ukrainian-Americans. It is worth mentioning, that the government of Ukraine and the United Nations have officially been using this transliteration of *Kyiv*.

In recent history, just as Peking was changed to Beijing, and Bombay to Mumbai, according to transliterations from their own languages, *Kyiv* likewise deserves the same consideration.

Thank You and Kind Regards,

*My Signature*