

MACEDONIAN PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATION

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Attention: Editors of the Faktor.bg electronic newspaper

Dear Editors.

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Macedonian Patriotic Organization of the United States and Canada (MPO), we wish to issue the following clarification regarding the public statement titled "Твърденията за дейността на Македонската патриотична организация в САЩ и Канада са неверни," published by your esteemed outlet on October 20, 2025:

The MPO disassociates itself from the statements contained in the aforementioned article, as they were made by an individual expressing his own thoughts. This individual was not authorized to represent or speak for the MPO, and his views and remarks do not necessarily reflect the policies or official positions of the Organization. For the record, the only recognized spokespersons of the MPO are its Central Committee of Trustees and its official publication, *The Macedonian Tribune*.

As for the explicit references to Mr. Georgi Boshnakov and Bulgarian Consul General Svetoslav Stankov in the aforementioned article, the MPO wishes to clarify that it does not speak on behalf of or against, nor claim any representation of, either individual. Over the past century, the Organization has built and maintained a reputation for extending the same warm welcome and respect to all who approach us in friendship and with a sincere interest in our history and beliefs.

The MPO is the oldest Macedonian organization in the United States and Canada, established in 1922 in Fort Wayne, Indiana, by Macedonian Bulgarian immigrants, for the benefit of all Macedonians. The organization has promoted the concept of an independent Macedonian state that guarantees rights and freedoms for all its citizens, regardless of ethnic or religious affiliation, carrying for over a century the slogan of the Macedonian Liberation Movement "Macedonian for the Macedonians." Today, the MPO continues to unite advocates for the human rights of all who identify as Macedonian in any way—encouraging mutual recognition and appreciation of our shared Macedonian culture and heritage.

These abovementioned actions reflect the MPO's commitment to upholding its core values of respect, unity, and integrity.

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We remain at your disposal for any further questions or clarifications regarding the history, mission, or current activities of the Macedonian Patriotic Organization. We sincerely hope this statement helps clarify our position and values, and we reaffirm our commitment to maintaining open, amicable dialogue with all interested parties.

Sincerely,

Nick Stefanoff, President

Macedonian Patriotic Organization of the Unites States and Canada