

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Hillary Clinton
Secretary
U.S. Department of State
2201 C. Street NW
Washington DC 20520

Dear Secretary Clinton,

As Co-Chairs of the Romanian Caucus, we are deeply concerned about recent developments in Romania. Following decades of oppression under the Soviet regime, Romania established a constitutional democracy and persevered to become a member state of both the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the European Union. Romania is a stalwart U.S. ally and burgeoning democratic state. Their reliance as an ally led to the recent decision to partner with Romania in the European Phased Adaptive Approach.

The current political situation in Romania questions their commitments to the fundamental principles of democracy, the rule of law and the constitutional divisions of power.

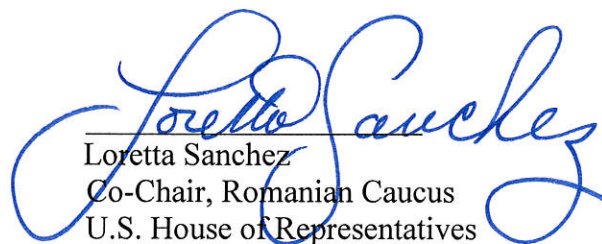
We share U.S. Ambassador Gitenstein's concern that this crisis will cause long term damage to the global perception of Romania. During the current constrained fiscal environment in Romania and across Europe, any deviations outside constitutional law could adversely impact Romania's financial future and jeopardize the democratic future of Romania.

We strongly encourage the State Department to continue to take the necessary steps to persuade the Romanian government to sustain its commitment to democracy.

Sincerely,



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