

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable John Kerry
Secretary of State
Department of State
2201 C Street, NW
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Dear Secretary Kerry:

We write you today with concern that independent and fair judicial rulings in Albania continue to be threatened and ask your support for ongoing efforts to reach consensus on proposed reforms. Comprehensive judicial reform is needed to ensure an independent judiciary and an open and deliberative judicial process, and could speed the process of Albanian integration into the European Union.


The Venice Commission has presented final recommendations for judicial reform, and political leaders from both parties seem to have embraced these recommendations as a consensus product. We believe political leaders are close to agreement on the Venice Commission recommendations, and specifically, Recommendation 88, which provides the basis of solution when leaders are at an impasse. Ensuring its adoption into the Albanian Constitution and its implementation, is necessary for judicial reform to be complete.

We respectfully urge you to work with the government of Albania to continue its commitment to judicial reform. The relationship between the United States and Albania, and our common interest in security and freedom, is of significant importance both regionally and globally.

With much respect,



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