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President Filip Vujanovic
c/o The Embassy of Montenegro
1610 New Hampshire Avenue NW
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Dear Mr. President,

As Chairman of the Montenegro Caucus in the United States House of Representatives, please allow me to praise your countrymen for voting in such record numbers. Last weekend, the people of Montenegro demonstrated that the country has advanced so far in ten short years.

In a region that has been marked by instability, these parliamentary and local elections are an important chapter in regional and Euro-Atlantic history. I am very pleased that your proud nation is on a path to become the newest member of NATO. This will strengthen regional and Euro-Atlantic security and send a strong message to ally and adversary alike.

U.S. government assistance to Montenegro has aimed to help Montenegro advance toward Euro-Atlantic integration, increase its ability to fight organized crime and corruption, strengthen its civil society and democratic structures, and provide stability in the fragile Balkans.

We look forward to the constitution of a new parliament and a new year that is marked on a national and local level by further commitment to western values, including free speech, free media, rule of law, and an independent judiciary. We remain confident that a swift and orderly transition of government will also further attract foreign investment.

As my colleagues in Washington prepare for our own historic elections, please know that we now look forward to the continuation of Montenegro's stable path toward Euro-Atlantic integration. We look forward to welcoming you and your colleagues to Washington in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doug Lamborn".

Doug Lamborn
Member of Congress