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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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President Klaus Iohannis
C/O Ambassador H.E. Dan-Andrei Muraru
1607 23rd Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008

Dear President Iohannis

We write to you today concerning the U.S.-Romania bilateral relationship and our appreciation for Romania's steadfast commitment to NATO and European security. Specifically, we noted with great interest your comments that the future of the Romanian Air Force would include the purchase of F-35 fighter aircraft. The F-35 is a world-class aircraft, and its addition to the Romanian Air Forces would dramatically increase its lethality while also increasing interoperability with the U.S. Air Force.

Additionally, we were pleased to learn that a 1,000-member Army Stryker squadron will deploy to Romania from Germany. These 1000 soldiers will join roughly 900 U.S. service members already in that Romania. According to the Pentagon, "This force is designed to deter aggression and enhance our defensive capabilities in frontline allied states." This is another welcome development and further evidence of Romania's commitment to confront the Russia threat. Further, we see no reason why this Army Stryker squadron deployment should be temporary and believe that our two governments should explore ways to make these forces permanent.

We thank you and hope that we can continue this dialogue to both deter Russian aggression and strengthen our bilateral relationship.

Sincerely,



Ranking Member Mike Rogers
House Armed Services Committee



Ranking Member Michael R. Turner
House Permanent Select Committee
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