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Dear Prime Minister Kurti,

It was a pleasure to meet with you and your team on September 20, 2026, and congratulations once again on the election of a new Government, and on your own re-election as Prime Minister.

As we discussed in our meeting, I reiterate my full support for Kosovo's NATO accession, a commitment I have also expressed as a member of the Congressional Albanian Issues Caucus, and as a co-sponsor of H.R. 1246, "Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in support of the integration of Kosovo into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization." Such a step is crucial not only for Kosovo's long-term security, but also to preserve the peace across the Western Balkans.

Partly as a result of your work toward NATO accession, I can see that Kosovo is on track to become a strong democracy, with solid economic growth and shared prosperity. It is my hope that Kosovo continues on this path. Government stability is key here. That is why it is my hope that your country is successful in electing a new President in the coming weeks, to prevent yet another round of parliamentary elections - for the fourth time in less than two years.

Particularly in light of last week's judgment in the Hague, there is no more important time than now for Kosovo's national unity. I urge you to work to ensure all political actors return to negotiations in good faith and find the necessary consensus to elect a President. Achieving such a consensus would help provide the necessary institutional strength and stability to ensure that your government can maintain its laser focus on key priorities — including advancing Kosovo's close partnership with the United States.

Once again, please accept my congratulations on your re-election as Prime Minister, and I wish you the best of luck in your efforts to build consensus with all of Kosovo's political parties to elect a new President.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Lawler".

Michael V. Lawler
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