

## **Re: Appreciation for Your America-First Testimony on Stability in the Western Balkans**

Dear Mr. Coffey,

On behalf of the **Bosniak Educational and Cultural Community of North America (BECCNA)**, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your testimony before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Europe, entitled “**Flashpoint: A Path Toward Stability in the Western Balkans.**”

Our organization represents approximately **300,000 Bosniaks living in the United States**, the vast majority of whom are American citizens or lawful permanent residents who are deeply committed to the security, democratic values, and strategic interests of the United States. We follow congressional deliberations on the Western Balkans closely because instability in the region directly affects **U.S. national security, NATO cohesion, and the broader transatlantic alliance.**

We commend your testimony for its **clear, fact-based, and America-first approach.** You correctly identify the principal drivers of instability in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the wider region: **secessionist policies in Republika Srpska, Serbia’s destabilizing role, and active Russian—and increasingly Chinese—malign influence.** Your firm defense of the **Dayton Peace Agreement, the Office of the High Representative, Bosnia and Herzegovina’s sovereignty and territorial integrity,** and your explicit rejection of ethnic partition—including the creation of a so-called Croat “third entity”—reflect a serious understanding of both history and U.S. strategic priorities.

Your testimony stands in **stark contrast** to the approach advanced by Mr. Max Primorac. In our assessment, Mr. Primorac’s testimony is not an impartial policy analysis offered in the interest of the United States, but rather a continuation of a **Croat nationalist agenda** that has repeatedly sought to divide Bosnia and Herzegovina—an agenda that history has shown leads not to stability, but to **conflict, mass suffering, and long-term regional insecurity.**

This agenda is not new. It was first institutionalized in **1939 through the Cvetković–Maček Agreement,** which partitioned Bosnia without the consent of its people and helped set the stage for the catastrophic violence and mass death of the Second World War. It was attempted again during the **1990s through the well-documented Tudman–Milošević understanding** to divide Bosnia and Herzegovina between Croatia and Serbia—an effort that directly contributed to ethnic cleansing, genocide, and the worst atrocities in Europe since World War II. Both attempts to divide Bosnia **failed politically,** but succeeded in producing **death, destruction, and regional instability.**

Mr. Primorac’s policy prescriptions—ethnic territorialization, weakening of international enforcement mechanisms, and reframing Bosnia’s institutions as illegitimate—closely mirror these failed historical projects. They also align, intentionally or not, with the **current secessionist strategy of Milorad Dodik,** which is openly supported by **Russia** and tolerated or quietly enabled by certain Croatian nationalist actors. This convergence of interests between

**Serb secessionism, Russian destabilization efforts, and Croatian nationalist agendas** poses a direct threat to U.S. interests in Southeast Europe.

For these reasons, we believe it is essential to distinguish between testimony that is genuinely **America-first**, as reflected in your analysis, and testimony that advances **foreign ethno-nationalist priorities under the guise of U.S. policy advice**.

We thank you for your principled and historically grounded testimony, which reinforces the reality that **stability in the Western Balkans can only be achieved through strong institutions, enforcement of international agreements, and resistance to ethno-nationalist partition projects**. We hope your analysis continues to inform U.S. policy and congressional deliberations.

Please accept our sincere appreciation, and we remain open to continued dialogue and cooperation.

Respectfully,

President

Mirsad Mujadzic MD

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mirsad Mujadzic", with a stylized flourish at the end.