

Serbian Unity Congress

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His Excellency Vojislav Kostunica
Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia
Belgrade, Serbia

Excellency:

The Serbian Diaspora has been very wounded by the recent declaration of independence and subsequent recognitions by some nations. Serbia is part of our own identity and cultural soul. The possibility of losing Kosovo reverberated sadly throughout our world. That grief was further compounded by our shock upon seeing the uncontrolled violence, attacks on the US Embassy and other buildings. That was ultimately a betrayal of Serbia's interests and of the thousands who silently protested and who with their numbers said to the world that the whole nation was wounded. We feared a recurrence of Serbia's isolation.

Thus your statement printed in Tanjug today was very welcome. We support your message to your people that violent means hurt Serbia's ultimate interests and that you will see that Serbia will pursue those interests by peaceful means. We also hope that Serbia will continue its rigorous investigations into the absence of police and the perpetrators of violence and prosecute those responsible. We know you as a leader who respects the rule of law and have faith that with your leadership Serbia's commitment to democracy will prevail.

For our part, we are working and will continue to work with our own government to promote the need to agree to disagree and to respect Serbia's right to pursue its interests diplomatically and legally. As I mentioned in our meeting in January, the Serbian Unity Congress prepared a position paper on Serb American Voter Positions on Serb Issues and submitted it to the three key candidates – Senators Hillary Clinton, John McCain and Barack Obama (enclosed). We received a response from Senator Obama (enclosed). We are activating Serb Americans to vote in the Ohio primaries March 4 as Ohio will once again be pivotal in the presidential elections.

Sincerely yours,

Mirjana Samardzija

President

Enclosures: Serbian American Voter Issues Position Paper
Letter to the Serbian Unity Congress from Presidential Candidate Barack Obama.