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Secretary Antony Blinken
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Dear Secretary Blinken,

I have heard from Bosnian Iowans who are concerned about the recent travel to Washington, D.C. by President of Republika Srpska (RS), Željka Cvijanovic. During RS President Cvijanovic's recent travel to the United States, she was able to meet with U.S. officials. There have been increased concerns regarding threats from leaders of the Republika Srpska to secede from Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) including Bosnian Serb leader Milorad Dodik, with whom Željka Cvijanovic is closely aligned.

On June 8, 2021, President Biden issued Executive Order 14033 to implement sanctions against and suspend entry into the United States of individuals that contribute to the destabilizing situation in the Western Balkans. I urge the administration to consider and review concerns about RS President Cvijanovic's entry into the United States to conduct work on behalf of the RS and Milorad Dodik.

I am committed to ensuring that the United States preserves the peace and territorial integrity of Bosnia and Herzegovina. I look forward to hearing from you about this matter.

Sincerely,


Charles Grassley
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