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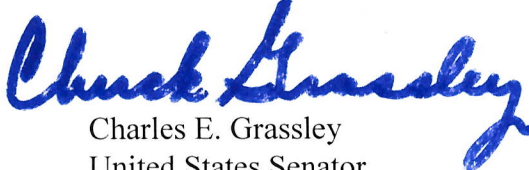
Dear Secretary Blinken,

I met today with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Dr. Bisera Turković. She impressed upon me the seriousness of the escalating situation that threatens to reopen old wounds and hostilities.

As you know, Milorad Dodik, the leader of the Republika Srpska entity within Bosnia and Herzegovina, has been threatening to secede. I urge the administration to use all tools at its disposal, including diplomacy and sanctions, to prevent a deterioration of the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Many Iowans came to our state as refugees after experiencing unimaginable suffering as a result of the war and genocide in Bosnia and Herzegovina. We cannot let this happen again. I am committed to doing whatever I can to preserve the peace and territorial integrity of Bosnia and Herzegovina and I look forward to working with you toward this end.

Sincerely,


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