



January 27, 2025

The Honorable Donald Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I am so grateful for your victory and the return of common sense to U.S. policy. As Chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, I have been grateful to witness the return of common sense to policy throughout Europe, including conservative leaders such as Polish President Duda and Italian Prime Minister Meloni, who have defeated failed progressive ideologies at home while pursuing Peace through Strength abroad. This strong combination, which you embody, is a winning formula that I hope to see adopted all throughout the world.

Prime Minister Victor Orban of Hungary has been particularly strong on defeating failed ideologies in his country. He deserves enormous credit for his role in leading Hungary out of the failed Soviet Empire and defeating communism. In recent years, he has done yeoman's work in ensuring common sense in domestic policy and opposing immigration that would change the fundamental character of his country and Europe more broadly. I am grateful that Hungary is a strong voice in the European Union, speaking out in opposition to overreach from Brussels. Hungarian sovereignty and democracy should always be a priority for the United States. I am also grateful that Hungary is building strong relationships with NATO ally Türkiye. My appreciation of Hungary is personal. I have always been inspired by Hungarians in the 1956 Revolution and standing up to Soviet tanks.

Sadly, Prime Minister Orban's advisors may have led him wrong on certain aspects of Hungarian foreign policy. In recent years, Hungary has built strong ties with the murderous regime in Tehran, which attempted to assassinate you while producing unlimited IEDs for decades to kill American troops, with Iranian drones killing three Americans on January 28, 2024, who should never be forgotten. The Hungarian foreign minister has visited Tehran and signed a trade agreement with the regime. Former regime president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who led chants of, "Death to Israel, death to America," was invited to address a public university. Our close allies, including Israel, objected vehemently, yet Hungary has gone forward with building deeper ties and even complained about sanctions on the Iranian regime.

Similarly, Hungary has built deep ties with the Chinese Communist Party. Hungary has welcomed enormous Chinese investment, providing a beachhead for the Chinese Communist Party in the EU. Last May, Hungary and the Chinese Communist Party signed an "All-Weather" treaty of friendship, an agreement style that the Chinese Communist Party has revealingly also signed with Belarus, Ethiopia, Pakistan, Russia, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, and Zambia.

As Prime Minister Orban is a freedom fighter and an anti-communist, I am certain that he can cancel these agreements and adopt a foreign policy that better reflects shared Hungarian and American interests. I respectfully request that you encourage him to expunge Iranian, Chinese, and Russian influence in Hungary, and to engage a policy of non-recognition with the Ivanishvili regime in Georgia, produced by rigged elections. Hungary is a critical member of the EU and NATO and Prime Minister Orban is an important leader. He thinks very highly of you, and I am sure will listen to your thoughts.

Sincerely,



Rep. Joe Wilson
Chairman