



28 April 2020

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of President Trump, please allow me to extend the gratitude of the United States for your thoughtful letter of condolence and support as we stand together in the fight against COVID-19. As the first Secretary of State to visit your country, I feel a particularly strong bond with Montenegro, and I hope that you and the people of Montenegro will accept our prayers and support during this difficult time.

I would also like to convey our most sincere appreciation to the Government of Montenegro for assisting the United States in our repatriation efforts. You made it possible for almost 100 U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents in Montenegro to return safely to their homes and families. Allies help each other in times of need. We are therefore proud to contribute \$300,000 in health assistance and \$15,000 in medical equipment to combat the COVID-19 outbreak in Montenegro. This new assistance reinforces long-term U.S. investment in Montenegro totaling more than \$332 million, including more than \$1 million for health. We have also been pleased to see American businesses actively stepping up to assist Montenegro in the health sector.

There is a well-known saying that when you face a crisis, you know who your true friends are. Montenegro is not just a friend to the United States, but also an important partner that honors its commitments to confront the wide assortment of threats to regional and global security. I look forward to deepening the partnership between the United States and Montenegro as we work together to defeat COVID-19 and restore security and prosperity for our people.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Pompeo
Secretary of State

His Excellency
Milo Đukanović,
The President,
Montenegro,
Podgorica.