

July 24, 2007

Dear Representative,

As your constituent, I respectfully urge you to support House Resolution 445, which calls for a mutually-agreed solution for the future status of Kosovo, and rejects an imposed solution for Kosovo independence status.

There are multiple strong reasons for not to allow a potentially hostile solution of letting Kosovo region to break away from Serbia's integral territory.

Based on all relevant international legal agreements, including Charter of the United Nations, United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244, and the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Final Act), as well as international law generally, Kosovo is legally part of Serbia and its state sovereignty.

Even under the direct protection of UNMIK and NATO forces, more than 200,000 Serbs and other Kosovo minorities have been displaced from their homes in Kosovo by Albanian extremists, more than 1,500 Serbs have been murdered, more than 100 churches and monasteries have been burned, and more than 20,000 houses have been destroyed.

A "supervised independence" of Kosovo proposed by the former President of Finland, Mr. Martti Ahtisaari, would only make an already horrible situation for Serbs and other minorities even worse, and it would certainly cause a greater instability of the whole Balkan region.

United States, in consultation and cooperation with its allies, should support a mutually-agreed solution for the future of Kosovo for both Serbia and Kosovo province through a new round of negotiations. This constrictive approach, instead of unilateral action toward Kosovo's independence, would also positively contribute to the process of the full integration of this region into European Union and Euro-Atlantic institutions.

Sincerely,