



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Bilateral Tax Treaty with the Republic of Croatia

Dear Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell:

On December 7, 2022, U.S. Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy and the Environment Jose W. Fernandez and Croatia's Minister of Finance Dr. Marko Primorac signed a comprehensive income tax treaty between the United States and Croatia. This conclusion of an Avoidance of Double Taxation Treaty has been long in the making and was justly celebrated by both nations.

As leaders of the long-standing Congressional Croatian Caucus, we steadfastly support this new tax treaty, as does the Croatian American diaspora, as represented by the National Federation of Croatian Americans Cultural Foundation (NFCACF). We urge you to ratify this tax treaty and consult with the U.S. Department of Treasury to resolve any matters that may delay ratification.

As then-U.S. Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy Lily Batchelder remarked after the treaty's signing, this "is the first comprehensive tax treaty that the United States has signed in over ten years and reflects our current tax treaty policies and is a milestone in the Treasury's efforts to expand the U.S. tax treaty network."

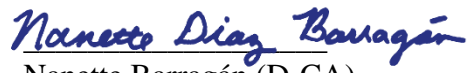
As you know, this bilateral initiative benefits taxpayers of the United States and the Republic of Croatia by reducing the burden of double taxation on cross-border investments. Our alliance with the Republic of Croatia includes growing trade, commercial ties, and defensive cooperation through our mutual membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Therefore, the alliance will become yet even stronger once the U.S. Senate ratifies this bilateral tax treaty.


We understand that there are currently reservations among Senators to ratifying tax treaties. We urge you, and relevant Senate committee leaders, to engage with Treasury to expeditiously resolve any outstanding technical issues and approve this treaty without delay. We cannot allow


the progress we have achieved over the last dozen years on this treaty with our ally the Republic of Croatia to languish any longer.

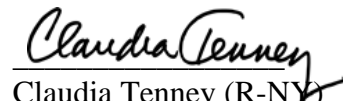
Please do not hesitate to reach out to our offices if we can be of further assistance on this matter. Thank you kindly for your early attention relevant to our urgent concerns herein.

Sincerely,


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