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Honorable Roberto Micheletti
President
Republic of Honduras
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Dear President Micheletti,

I write as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives and a senior member of the Foreign Affairs Committee to offer my support for your efforts to protect and defend your sovereign democratic government and the rule of law. Instead of condemning your actions, our government should applaud the allegiance to constitutional law you have demonstrated, even when it meant taking on a powerful force. Would all of our neighbors in this hemisphere do the same as you have done?

Mr. President, our two nations share a long history of friendship and cooperation. Honduras has supported the United States during crises abroad from World War II to the present war in Iraq. The U.S. has worked hard to protect your nation from Communism during the 1980s and the threats by the former Soviet Union and the Communist regimes in Nicaragua and Cuba.

It is the same threats from the 1980s that have reared up again and are challenging your democracy and liberty. Leftist Caudillos have risen up from the *Ash Heap of History* to attempt to impose their oppression and tyranny on freedom.

The administration in the United States should side with you on your struggle to maintain peace and liberty within your borders. President John F. Kennedy in his Inaugural Address stated, "*Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty.*" In line with this statement, we must not change course on our commitment to freedom loving people despite Caudillo thugs and their ilk.

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Many of my Congressional colleagues and I stand with you and the people of Honduras in your effort to thwart any attempt by Caudillismo to subvert the democratic rule of law. We will encourage our neighbors in the Western Hemisphere to also stand on the side of democracy and Honduras.

I wish you success in your endeavors to protect the Honduran Constitution and the free election of your nation's leadership this coming November.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dana Rohrabacher". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dana Rohrabacher
Member of Congress