

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

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The Honorable Marco Rubio
Secretary of State
United States Department of State
2201 C Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Secretary Rubio,

We write to urge your support for a U.S.-led initiative to construct a 400 kV overhead electrical transmission line between Straseni, Moldova and Gutinas, Romania.

During a recent visit to Moldova, we met with President Maia Sandu, Foreign Minister Mihail Popsoi, Speaker of Parliament Igor Grosu and leaders of the major opposition parties. Across the political spectrum, one priority emerged clearly: the urgent need to diversify Moldova's energy sources to strengthen regional security and support economic development.

In Romania, we had the opportunity to meet with interim President Ilie Bolojan and other senior officials, who similarly emphasized their commitment to deepening energy cooperation with Moldova.

U.S. support for this transmission line would significantly reduce Moldova's dependence on Russian energy supplies, which remain vulnerable due to their routing through Ukraine. It would also contribute to Moldova's energy resilience and grid flexibility and create opportunities for U.S. businesses as the country pursues EU-required reforms. The project—backed by a U.S.-led feasibility study completed in 2024—is expected to be jointly managed and financed with the World Bank, further reinforcing our economic engagement in the region.

We understand that projects of this scale are subject to appropriate review. However, we respectfully urge the State Department to give this proposal favorable consideration. A more energy-independent Moldova would directly support U.S. strategic objectives in Eastern Europe and expand a pro-U.S. commercial environment in a region critical to our long-term interests.

Sincerely,



Vern Buchanan
Member of Congress



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