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The Honorable Antony J. Blinken
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2201 C St, NW
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The Honorable Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
300 7th St, SW Washington, D.C. 20024

Dear Secretary Blinken and Secretary Mayorkas,

I am writing to inform you of some disturbing news we have received.

In recent days and in the midst of an international crisis in Eastern Europe, several legislators from Mexico's Federal Congress (Chamber of Deputies) took this opportunity to shun the free world and stand with Putin by forming a Mexico-Russia Friendship Committee. The timing of this committee sent a clear message to the United States and the free world.

While Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador continues to publicly maintain a neutral posture in the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, actions taken by members of his own MORENA party and others suggest otherwise.

It's disgraceful enough that Mexico – our closest neighbor to the South – has chosen to not stand in unity with the international community of democracies. They have instead refused to send any aid to Ukraine or impose sanctions on Russia.

Some elected officials from the ruling party and others have expressed blatant support for Putin's regime under the guise of a "friendship committee". In light of Russia's illegal aggression towards Ukraine, I call upon you to stand with Ukraine and condemn this "friendship committee" by issuing visa revocations for all Mexican members of Congress that have participated in this deplorable assembly.

If these individuals refuse to condemn Russia, and instead choose to stand with tyranny, they should not be allowed the privilege of entering, traveling or investing in the United States of America.

The members of the group are listed below for reference:

Alberto Anaya Gutierrez
Gerardo Fernandez Norona
Augusto Gomez Villanueva
Armando Contreras Castillo
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Maribel Martinez Ruiz
Jose Mario Osuna Medina
Jesus Fernando Garcia Hernandez
Ana Laura Bernal Camarena

I urge you to take action to ensure that no foreign government officials that support Russia during this aggressive and unprovoked invasion of Ukraine are allowed the privileges of entry into our country.

It is important that our message to the world is clear and that adversaries who have elected to stand with Russia's uncivilized and criminal behavior during this crisis are dealt with accordingly.

Thank you for attention in this matter. I stand ready to assist you in addressing this concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vicente Gonzalez', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Vicente Gonzalez
Member of Congress