THE WHITE HOUSE

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His Excellency
Bidzina Ivanishvili
Prime Minister of Georgia
Tbilisi

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I would like to congratulate you on your coalition's victory in the recent parliamentary elections and wish you and your government success as you begin your tenure as Prime Minister of Georgia.

The election was a historic milestone for your country and demonstrated to the world that Georgia has become a vibrant democracy. Your government now inherits the task of moving forward to solidify and advance Georgia's democratic and economic reforms. This will require the government, parliament, and presidency to move past the contentious election and transition period and work together constructively to pursue policies that are in the best interest of all Georgian citizens. I understand from Ambassador Norland that this is your preferred approach, and in this you have our continued support.

Since Georgia's independence more than 20 years ago, the United States has supported its democratic transition and Euro-Atlantic aspirations. At the outset of your tenure as Prime Minister, we recommit to our strong partnership and look forward to deepening our relationship in the years to come.

Sincerely,