March 22, 2012

Dear :

As a constituent, I am writing to seek your full support for the U.S. Senate NATO Enhancement Act, S.2177 which encourages further enlargement of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and deepening of U.S. strategic partnerships with NATO allies. The Act was introduced this week by Senator Dick Lugar (R-IN) a long time champion of NATO enlargement.

The United States has a strategic interest in the region to ensure stability, and to retain diplomatic and economic influence in a region that has traditionally been under threat of Russian domination through Serbia’s nationalists.  Bosnia and Herzegovina is a proven friend of the United States, and the Bosnian people will never forget the assistance that was provided by the U.S. led NATO military intervention to bring about the end to the war of aggression on Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Despite political challenges, Bosnia-Herzegovina is one of the first countries to sign the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) with the United States; it cooperated with the United States on matters of security, counter-terrorism, as well as prevention of drug and human trafficking. Bosnia and Herzegovina has also been a key partner with the NATO forces, in the United Nations Security Council, actively participating in missions in Afghanistan and Iraq, and Bosnian forensic experts helped US officials identify 9/11 victims, just to name a few examples.

Thank you for your support regarding this important matter to Bosnian Americans.

Sincerely,