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Judge Jadranko Crnic
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Dear Judge Crnic:

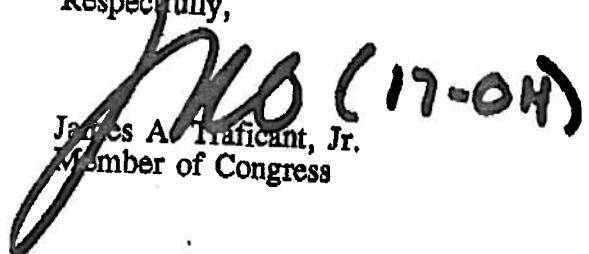
I contact you now concerning the legal rights of Dobroslav Paraga, a member of the Croatian parliament who also happens to be one of the most outspoken critics of the current government of Croatia and its policies in Bosnia.

I have followed Mr. Paraga's situation closely for several years now and it is with a sense of sadness for both Mr. Paraga and Croatia that I have witnessed the many legal and administrative actions taken in order to deny him his elected right to function as a political opposition leader. Recent moves have been made by the current government to deprive him of both his party, its established offices, and its established bank account. These actions are truly reprehensible for a new democracy and should concern everyone who cares for the future of Croatia and its citizens.

Although Mr. Paraga is a young man, he has proven himself to be both a defender of democratic principles and a patriotic citizen of his country. And, he has done so while enduring continual violations of his own personal and political rights.

I want to encourage you to review Mr. Paraga's appeal to the Constitutional Court with fairness and objectivity. He deserves no less.

Respectfully,


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Member of Congress

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