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From: Coleman, Norm B.
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2020 3:41 PM
To: Rimkunas, Matt (L. Graham)
Cc: David Bakradze; Giorgi Tsikolia

Matt,

The election in Georgia is a few days away. By all accounts anticipate the ruling party, Georgia Dream, to win handily (based on public and private polling). In addition, the Government has taken a number of steps to ensure a free and fair election.

As you know, the Government has worked with the international community over the past year to reach a historic election reform agreement and make constitutional changes to create a more level playing field. The US Embassy in Tbilisi has applauded these efforts and the Government's work in the run up to the election.

Georgia continues to be our most reliable and enthusiastic ally in the region. The Government's likely electoral victory in large part is a recognition by the Georgian people of its steadfast support for improved relations with the West - the U.S., NATO and the EU. This is a complete repudiation of Russian efforts to generate unrest in Georgia through cyber-attacks and ongoing propaganda.

We will be sure to share with you immediately the election results. Perhaps Senator Graham could issue a public comment or statement after the election. Georgia continues to be a great case study of how the U.S. is able to provide a developing nation with the necessary tools to strengthen its democratic foundation.

Do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

All my best,

Norm

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From: Coleman, Norm B.
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2020 3:42 PM
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Megan,

The election in the Country of Georgia(not your Georgia!!!!) is just a few days away. By all accounts anticipate the ruling party, Georgia Dream, to win handily (based on public and private polling). In addition, the Government has taken a number of steps to ensure a free and fair election.

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