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Dear Amit,

I hope this message finds you well.

On behalf of His Excellency Ambassador José Miguel Alemán, please find attached a formal request for a meeting between our Minister of Foreign Affairs, His Excellency Javier Martínez-Acha, and the Honorable Senator Maria Cantwell at her convenience on Monday, June 23rd or Tuesday, June 24th.

We truly appreciate your consideration. Please do not hesitate to let us know if there is anything we can do to help facilitate this request.

Sincerely,

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**Senator Maria Cantwell**  
511 Hart Senate Office Building  
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Dear Senator Cantwell,

The Republic of Panama and the United States share a historic relationship grounded in mutual respect, democratic values, and strategic cooperation. Over the decades, our partnership has grown stronger, adapting to meet emerging global challenges while continuing to serve as a pillar of stability in the Western Hemisphere.

Panama's decision to withdraw from the Belt and Road Initiative reflects our clear alignment with the U.S., rooted in a common vision for hemispheric security and economic prosperity.

On migration, as a direct result of effective joint efforts between our nations, Panama has successfully closed its last operating Migrant Reception Stations, marking a major milestone in addressing a complex regional challenge. Our security cooperation has deepened with the recent signing of the Memorandum of Understanding that enhances both of our defense forces to combat transnational criminal networks and to protect the Panama Canal.


I am proud to say our two countries have benefited from a long-standing and productive relationship built on close collaboration in advancing democracy and expanding opportunities throughout the region. We are confident that continued engagement will allow us to achieve even greater progress together.

To that end, as part of his upcoming visit to Washington, D.C., Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Panama His Excellency Javier Martinez-Acha respectfully requests the opportunity to meet with you at a time of your convenience on Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> or Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

In that meeting, Minister Martinez-Acha would like to speak with you about the importance of the bilateral relationship and on broader areas of cooperation for the U.S. and Panama. He is particularly interested in discussing bilateral coordination on regional security and migration, as well as U.S. strategic interests in the Canal area, including the Manzanillo port (SSA) and other port opportunities.

I avail myself of this opportunity to thank you for your commitment to our region and to reiterate the assurance of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

  
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