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The Honorable Stratos Amigdalos
Vice Mayor
Kastellorizo, Greece

Dear Vice Mayor Amigdalos:

We are pleased to join with several of my colleagues, Greek-American elected officials on both sides of the aisle, in expressing our support for the people of Kastellorizo in the face of Turkey's violations of the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

The territorial integrity of your island deserves to be protected, especially now that the Turkish government's actions are seeking to bring conflict and instability to the region. We believe there is no gray area, only the black and white facts of what is laid out in the Law of the Sea and other international treaties.

In ignoring this, the Erdogan regime threatens to brand itself as a lawless entity, a pariah state deliberately embarking on a course of action that is absolutely unnecessary and provocative.

We intend to continue working with our government and the international community to seek a resolution to this matter which reflects your territorial rights and maintains the principle of sea zones set forth by responsible international agreements.

Please know that you and the citizens of Kastellorizo have our continued support and we will not remain silent in the face of this threat to peace and stability in the region. Lastly, we had the opportunity to be in Athens with our legislative colleagues and meet with Greek officials to discuss issues of concern between our two nations. Our hope is to be back in Athens in the near future, and to visit Kastellorizo, so we may continue to discuss the current issues in the eastern Mediterranean with you and other elected officials.

Sincerely,

Themis Klarides

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