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Dear Mr. President,

We are pleased to learn that on July 20, 2016 the Constitutional Court of Romania approved a citizens' initiated constitutional amendment which calls for amending Article 48 of Romania's Constitution to define marriage as the union between one man and one woman. We have also learned that more than 3 million Romanian citizens have signed a petition in support of the proposed constitutional amendment.

We view this as a demonstration of the maturity of Romania's democracy, young as it may be, considering that not long ago Romania still was a communist state and its citizens were prohibited from exercising constitutional and civil rights. We understand that the next step before submitting the proposed constitutional amendment to a referendum is its adoption by the Romanian Parliament.

Mr. President, we are writing to encourage you to use the authority with which you are vested as President of Romania to ensure that this matter is promptly brought for a vote before the Romanian Parliament. The signatures reveal that a large part of the Romanian people find it necessary to reaffirm a traditional family model that has been unchanged for millennia, the union between one man and one woman.

As marriage is the fundamental and sustaining institution of a society, we are confident that you will ensure that the right of the Romanian people to decide through a referendum the fate of the most important institution in history, family and marriage, is fully respected.

We avail ourselves of this opportunity to reaffirm that the people of the United States appreciate the deep friendship of the people of Romania and we hope to continue our friendship in further progress and prosperity.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of our highest respect and best wishes for you and the people of Romania.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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 - Călin Popescu Tariceanu, President of the Senate of Romania
 - Florin Iordache, President of the Chamber of Deputies of Romania
 - Liviu Dragnea, President of the Social Democratic Party
 - Alina Gorghiu, President of the National Liberal Party
 - Traian Basescu, President of the People's Movement Party, Former President of Romania