



*Embassy of the United States of America*

*Office of the Ambassador*

Tbilisi, Georgia

May 25, 2022

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I have the honor of forwarding to you President Biden's message congratulating you on the occasion of the Independence Day of Georgia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rian Harris", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Rian Harris  
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

Enclosure: Letter

His Excellency  
Mr. Irakli Garibashvili,  
Prime Minister of Georgia,  
Tbilisi, Georgia

## The White House

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I wish you and the people of Georgia a happy Independence Day on May 26. The people of Georgia and the American people share strong bonds that reflect our spirit of independence and mutual commitment to freedom.

Georgia has demonstrated its fierce determination to protect freedom around the world. We deeply value the contributions you have made to global security throughout our 30-year bilateral relationship, including through our shared commitment and sacrifice in Afghanistan.

Even as we celebrate Georgia's independence, we recognize that the Russian occupation of 20 percent of Georgian territory prevents many Georgians from fully exercising their human rights and fundamental freedoms. The United States continues to steadfastly support Georgia's sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognized borders and to call on Russia to end its occupation of sovereign Georgian territory.

The United States will also continue to support the people of Georgia as they pursue their aspirations for a future of peace, prosperity, and democratic freedom. The United States will continue to be a steadfast partner to the Georgian people as you work to implement reforms and cement your country's rightful position in the Euro-Atlantic community.

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Biden Jr.