



January 11, 2026

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U.S. House of Representatives
The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Sen. Alex Padilla
United States Senate
The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Sen. Adam Schiff
United States Senate
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RE: Venezuela

Dear Members of Congress,

I write today as your constituent to call for an investigation into and accountability for the recent U.S. military operation that removed Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro, as well as the related military actions carried out in recent months. Congress must protect its powers in the context of war and national defense, and must condemn the first use of armed force in the form of a preventive or preemptive strike that is aimed at disrupting a non-imminent, uncertain military threat.

Congress must also urge all parties to support a peaceful transition that respects the rule of law, human rights and the will of the Venezuelan people. There should be a free and fair election in Venezuela that is internationally monitored as soon as possible no more than six months from now.

President Trump has revealed a plan to seize Venezuelan oil, sell it on the open market and then place the money into what will basically be a slush fund to be used at his personal discretion. We are not a nation of thieves and robbers. Congress must ensure that any funds obtained from Venezuelan assets must go into a U.S. Treasury trust fund that can only be disbursed by Congressional authorization and ultimately returned to Venezuela. Furthermore, there should be no contracts or concessions regarding Venezuelan oil or other natural resources that are not negotiated and approved by a legitimately elected Venezuelan government.

Thank you for considering this request and for your public service.

I also continue to urge Congress to thoroughly investigate possible naval war crimes concerning the recent destruction of small boats off the Venezuelan coast in the Caribbean.

Sincerely,

(Print Name & Address) _____
