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H.E. Audra Plepytė  
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RE: Response Letter from Genocide and Resistance Research Centre of Lithuania

Ambassador Plepytė,

In September 2019, I wrote to Prime Minister Skvernelis regarding statements issued by the Genocide and Resistance Research Centre of Lithuania, an agency of your government. I requested that the Government of Lithuania either provide specific and credible references to the exoneration and rehabilitation of Juozas Ambrazevičius-Brazaitis, former Minister of Education and acting Prime Minister under the Provisional Government of Lithuania in 1941, or to publicly retract the Centre's claims for the misstatement of facts and misuse of U.S. Congressional documents in your government's efforts to address the history of the Holocaust in Lithuania. I did not receive a response to this letter.

Rather, in a letter to my constituent, Grant Gochin, dated December 22, 2020 (reference Nr. 14R-I 2020-11-26), the Genocide and Resistance Research Centre of Lithuania stated that the letter I sent to Prime Minister Skvernelis is, "to be seen [in this context] as the opinion of a politician, but not as a new historical source or a new circumstance of historical events."

As I did not receive an official response from your government, I am writing to confirm whether I should regard the letter provided to Mr. Gochin as the Government of Lithuania's official response to my earlier letter.

I hope you will take concrete steps to demonstrate your government's commitment to accurate historical portrayal and recognize the darkest realities of the Holocaust.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

