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I send my greetings to those attending the 2018 Three Seas Initiative Business Forum.

Last year, I had the honor of speaking at the Three Seas Initiative Business Forum in Warsaw, Poland. During my visit, I reaffirmed the United States' strong support for the Three Seas Initiative and our shared focus on expanding infrastructure, enhancing business connections, strengthening energy security, and reducing barriers to free, fair, and reciprocal trade in Central and Eastern Europe.

The Three Seas Initiative has great potential to deliver on these and other important areas of cooperation. New energy infrastructure is essential to supporting deeper economic integration, opening access to new markets, and diversifying energy sources throughout the region. I applaud Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Austria, and Slovakia for the progress they have made to support energy diversification through the construction of gas pipeline infrastructure.

The United States remains a proud partner in these efforts through liquefied natural gas exports to this strategically important region and the participation of American companies in the Three Seas Initiative Business Forum. At many levels, our country remains committed to working with the 12 member nations to continue expanding energy, transportation, and digital infrastructure.

I send my thanks to the President of Romania Klaus Iohannis for convening this important event and to Secretary of Energy Rick Perry for leading the American delegation. I look forward to hearing about our shared progress on new investment projects and business partnerships. The United States pledges to remain a strong ally and partner in this Initiative as we continue to focus on achieving even greater wealth and security in the 21st century.

I send my best wishes for a productive and successful forum.

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