

# U.S. Sen. Johnson, Colleagues: Introduce bipartisan resolution in support of full implementation of Georgia's April 19th agreement to strengthen its democracy

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**WASHINGTON** – Today, U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson, ranking member on the SFRC Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation, (R-Wis.) along with Sens. Jeanne Shaheen, Chair of the SFRC Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation, (D-N.H.) and Jim Risch, SFRC ranking member (R-Idaho) announced the introduction of a bipartisan resolution in support of full implementation of Georgia's April 19<sup>th</sup> agreement to end the political impasse. The resolution reaffirms the United States support for Georgia's path to bolstering democracy, including judicial and electoral reforms. The Senators urged Georgian Parliament to begin its work without further delay.

"We are pleased that Georgian politicians have reached an agreement that will provide greater transparency, checks and balances, and political participation," **said Johnson**. "It is imperative that Georgians work together to fully implement the necessary electoral and judicial reforms that will help create a better functioning democracy."

"I am proud to join Senators Johnson and Risch in calling on the Senate to support Georgia's full implementation of the agreement reached earlier this week to end the political deadlock. I want to congratulate Georgia in reaching this agreement, but now the hard work begins," **said Shaheen**. "This resolution reflects our commitment to Georgia and its transatlantic aspirations, and reflects our

expectation that Georgia will fully implement the terms of the agreement to allow for democracy to prevail. The Georgian people deserve a government that will address the pressing issues at hand, which include a dire economic situation and the COVID-19 pandemic. We know that the political fate of Georgia has far-reaching consequences for the state of democracy in the region and around the world, and we stand ready to help the government and its people as they build a vibrant democracy.”

“Prompt implementation of the political agreement between the Georgian government and opposition party leaders would be another significant step toward resolving the political crisis that has persisted over the last several months,” **said Risch**. “I have said before that this agreement can put Georgia back on its Euro-Atlantic trajectory, and both sides should be praised for their leadership and courage as they have worked on this compromise for the benefit of all Georgians, but there is much work left to be done in order to rebuild political trust, and a strong and prosperous Georgia.”

Text of the resolution can be found [here](#).

Earlier this week, Senators Johnson and Shaheen, released a [statement](#) applauding the new agreement reached by Georgia that addressed their political crisis.