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Letters to the Editor
The Morning Sun
501 North Calvert Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Editor:

My experience with Representative Helen Delich Bentley does not confirm the view of your June 10 editorial that she is the "voice on Capitol Hill" of the Milosevic regime. It is true that Representative Bentley has spoken up for the rights of Serbs and that her views and those of the U.S. Government sometimes differ. However, I can attest from personal experience that she has worked hard to dissuade Serbian President Milosevic from the course he has chosen. Because of her standing in the Serbian-American community, she has unique access to the Serbian leadership. She has been active in a variety of humanitarian objectives, most recently the effort to reunite an American woman, Shayna Lazarevich, with her children who were kidnapped by their Serbian father. During my time in Belgrade I have found Mrs. Bentley's visits extremely useful and have encouraged them.

Sincerely,

Warren Zimmermann
U.S. Ambassador to Yugoslavia