

A Letter to the Prime Minister

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To His Excellency Gaston Browne

Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda

Office of the Prime Minister, St. John's

Mr. Prime Minister,

I am writing this from the shores of our beautiful twin-island nation, where the blue of the Caribbean meets the vibrant spirit of 100,000 people. We are a small nation, but we have always carried ourselves with the stature of giants. From the historic struggles of our ancestors to the modern-day pulse of St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda has proven that resilience is woven into our DNA. We are a land of tourism and commerce, yet we are a people who know that our true wealth is not in the sand, but in the strength of our community.

We are a nation of excellence. Our students and professionals are making waves on the international stage, proving that you do not need to be a large country to produce world-class talent. In our medical centers and our schools, our people work with a

dedication that is truly inspiring. They are the ones holding our society together, ensuring that even as we navigate the complexities of a changing global economy, the spirit of our nation remains unshaken. They are our frontline, our innovators, and our hope.

But, Mr. Prime Minister, we must be honest about where we stand. Our economy is beautiful, but it is vulnerable. We rely heavily on the world's fluctuations, and when the global tide turns, our people feel the swell. We see the potential for a digital revolution, for a green energy transition that could make us a leader in the Caribbean, yet we are still tied to old models that prioritize the quick return over the long-term future.

Our social infrastructure is the heartbeat of our islands, but it requires more than just maintenance—it requires a bold vision. We need healthcare that is robust and accessible, not just for the visitor, but for the grandmother in Liberta and the father in Codrington. We need education that prepares our youth for the global, high-tech reality, ensuring they don't have to leave our shores to fulfill their potential.

We don't need more rhetoric about our beauty; we need a government that acts as an architect for our future. We need to diversify our economy, strengthen our resilience against climate change, and ensure that every Antiguan and Barbudan feels the prosperity we promote to the world. Give us a future where our success is measured not just by the number of arrivals at our airport, but by the quality of life for every citizen.

The twin-island beauty of our home is a gift, Mr. Prime Minister. Let's ensure we are worthy stewards of it.

With the hope of a citizen,

A Concerned Antiguan and Barbudan

Sovereign Performance Audit: Antigua and Barbuda (June 2026)

Sector

Score

Summary

Political Stability

4.5

Robust parliamentary democracy; long-term stability is a hallmark of the islands.

Economic Development

3.0

Tourism-dependent; recovering well but vulnerable to climate and global shocks.

Social Infrastructure

3.5

Good baseline services; recent efforts to modernize health and education are visible.

National Resilience

4.0

High; strong community identity and adaptive capacity in the face of disaster.

Final Verdict: 3.75 / The Caribbean Star.

Antigua and Barbuda is a stable, high-performing small island state. The primary governance challenge for 2026 is climate adaptation and economic diversification—reducing dependence on tourism to ensure long-term stability in an increasingly volatile world.

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