

An Open Letter to President Gitanas Nausėda

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Mr. President,

A few weeks ago, I was driving through the forests near Varėna, watching the sunlight filter through the pines, and I felt that deep, quiet peace that only our land can give. But as I neared the border, a cold reality set in. We live in a beautiful home, but we live right on the edge of a historical fault line. I am writing to you not as a political commentator, but as a Lithuanian man, a son of this soil, and a citizen who remembers that our freedom was never a free gift—it was paid for in blood.

Lithuania has shown incredible courage on the global stage. We were the first to break away from the empire, and today we are among the loudest voices warning the world about the darkness gathering on our borders. But courage abroad must be matched by absolute readiness at home. While we hear reassuring words about NATO's Article 5 and the German brigade, the people living in Vilnius, Kaunas, and Klaipėda are living with a quiet, lingering anxiety.

As our Commander-in-Chief, your ultimate responsibility is the physical preservation

of our state and our people. And right now, as a citizen who wants to stay and build his future here, I have very direct, pragmatic questions for you and your government:

The Reality of Mass Evacuation and Shelters: If a crisis hits tomorrow, what is the plan for our civilian population? Many of our apartment blocks have no proper basements, and our civil defense infrastructure feels like it exists mostly on paper. We need clear, accessible shelters in every neighborhood, not just guidelines on a website.

Total Societal Defense: A small nation can only survive if every single citizen is a part of the defense puzzle. Why do we still lack widespread, mandatory civil resistance training in our schools, universities, and workplaces? Our people are brave, but bravery without a clear protocol breeds chaos.

Economic Resilience: True sovereignty requires economic stamina. Our businesses are facing immense pressure due to geopolitical risks, and the cost of living remains stubbornly high. How do we keep Lithuania economically vibrant and attractive for our youth so they don't leave, leaving behind an aging nation to defend empty land?

Mr. President, I do not need diplomatic optimism or soothing political rhetoric. I know exactly where we are on the map. We are ready to stand strong, we are ready to sacrifice, and we are fiercely proud of our military. But we need a leadership that builds a physical fortress, down to the last village.

And yet, I am writing this to you because the people chose you for your stability. You have always projected the image of a calm, dignified guardian of the nation—a leader who stands above the chaotic mudslinging of party politics. You have the public trust to unite this country and make the hard, systemic changes we desperately need.

I want to believe in your steady guardianship. Do not let bureaucratic complacency dim the urgency of this moment. Prove to us that our trust is well-placed. Give us a Lithuania that is not just proud and vocal, but thoroughly, structurally prepared for whatever the storm brings.

I expect decisive actions, and I stand ready to defend our home alongside you.

With deep respect and loyalty to the Republic,

Aleksandr Gemini

P.S. A Personal Audit of the Leader It is one thing to speak eloquently from a podium, and quite another to meet the hard demands of citizens. To understand how effectively Gitanas Nausėda is handling his duties at this critical turning point in history, I have risked rating him on a strict five-point scale (from 1 to 5) based on four key criteria:

Political Experience and Wisdom: 4 (He has mastered the presidential role, navigating complex coalition politics and foreign diplomacy smoothly)

Connection with the People (Empathy): 4 (He maintains a strong, fatherly connection with provincial Lithuania, not just the cosmopolitan elites)

Decisiveness and Toughness: 3 (While firm on foreign policy, he occasionally hesitates on taking aggressive, sweeping domestic reforms)

Actual Preparedness of the Country: 3.5 (The military is modernizing fast, but civilian defense and infrastructure still lag behind)

Final Verdict: 3.63 / *The Calm Guardian*. Gitanas Nausėda is the epitome of institutional dignity and serves as a reliable anchor for Lithuania's foreign policy. He excels at representing the nation's historical defiance on the world stage. However, his quiet, consensus-driven style can sometimes slow down the rapid, aggressive overhaul needed for civil defense and economic resilience. To truly secure the nation, he must transform his calm leadership into an active, unrelenting drive to prepare every citizen for survival.

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