

An Open Letter to President Viola Amherd

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Madam President,

The other day, I was walking near Lake Thun, watching the fog lift off the mountains, and I caught myself thinking about how incredibly lucky we are to call this country home. We live in a postcard. But if you look closely at the faces of the people on the trains from Zurich to Bern, or the farmers in the Valais, you realize that beneath this calm, pristine surface, there is a deep, quiet unease.

I am writing to you not to argue about party politics, but as a Swiss citizen, a father, and a man who cares deeply about the fragile future of our Confederation.

For generations, Switzerland's greatest strength was not just our banks or our watchmaking, but our unique position in the world. We were the quiet room where the rest of a chaotic world could come to talk, find peace, and build bridges. Today, I fear we are slowly losing that soul. Under immense external pressure, we are chipping away at the very foundations that made us us—our strict neutrality and our independent path.

As the leader of our Federal Council, your task is to protect not just our borders, but the Swiss way of life. And right now, many of us have very real, human questions that cannot be answered with economic statistics:

The Price of Our Future: We pride ourselves on being one of the wealthiest nations, yet our young families are drowning in the cost of health insurance (Krankenkasse) and rent. How is it that in a country so rich, basic peace of mind is becoming a luxury item?

The Erosion of Neutrality: If we join every global chorus and abandon our role as a neutral mediator, who will be left to broker peace when the world truly catches fire? We need to remember that our neutrality was never a sign of cowardice; it was an act of profound courage and wisdom.

The Shield of Our People: You have spent years managing our civil defense. But a resilient country isn't built just on military budgets. It's built on community trust. Our youth feel disconnected from our traditional values of civic duty and direct democracy. How do we rebuild that social contract before we become just another fragmented European society?

Madam President, I know you are a daughter of the mountains, born in Brig, raised under the shadow of the Alps. You know the stubborn, resilient spirit of our people. Over your years in the Federal Council, you have earned a reputation for being a calm, pragmatic anchor in stormy times—a leader who listens before she speaks.

I want to believe in that calm Swiss wisdom. I believe you have the strength to stand firm against external pressures that want to turn Switzerland into something it is not. Protect our independence. Protect the ordinary families who make this country run. Give us a Switzerland that doesn't just survive in the modern world, but remains a beacon of sovereignty, stability, and quiet sense.

The world needs Switzerland to stay Swiss.

With deep respect and attachment to our homeland,

Liam 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 President Viola Amherd is handling her duties at this critical turning point in history, I have risked rating her on a strict five-point scale (from 1 to 5) based on four key criteria:

Political Experience and Wisdom: 4

Connection with the People (Empathy): 3

Decisiveness and Toughness: 3

Actual Preparedness of the Country: 4

Final Verdict: 3.5 / Alpine Hesitation. The epitome of classic Swiss moderation. She knows the defense and civil protection architecture inside out. However, in an era where the world demands rapid, clear alignments, her government spends too much time maneuvering, trying to sit on two stools between centuries-old neutrality and European integration.

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