

A Letter to the President

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To His Excellency Bernardo Arévalo de León

President of the Republic of Guatemala

National Palace of Culture, Guatemala City

Mr. President,

I am writing this from a nation that feels like it is caught between the hope of a democratic "spring" and the cold reality of entrenched resistance. Since your inauguration, the eyes of the world—and more importantly, the eyes of the Guatemalan people—have been fixed on your administration. We elected you because we were tired of the "pact of the corrupt" that had hollowed out our institutions. We wanted a government that valued justice over impunity and the public good over private interests. Yet, as we stand here in mid-2026, the optimism of your victory is being tested by the immense weight of governing a state that is still fighting against its own demons.

We are a nation of 18 million, vibrant and resilient, yet we are constantly held back by

the systemic rot in our judicial and legislative bodies. Our people are exhausted by the lack of progress in security and infrastructure. When the roads are not built, when the hospitals lack basic supplies, and when the safety of our streets is compromised, the people feel the disconnect between your vision and their daily struggle. You promised a transformation, but the bureaucracy and the hostile remnants of the old system continue to act as a dam, blocking the flow of change.

Mr. President, your mandate is not just to hold the office; it is to dismantle the wall of corruption brick by brick. But you cannot do this alone, and you cannot do this by relying on the old guard. We need you to be bolder in your appointments and more strategic in your partnerships. The people want to see results—real, tangible improvements in their lives. They need to see schools functioning, ports modernizing, and the rule of law applying to the powerful as much as it does to the poor.

We understand that you are navigating a treacherous political landscape, especially with a Congress that remains largely obstructionist. But the citizens of Guatemala are losing patience with "the transition." They need a government that acts with the urgency of a country in crisis. Strengthen your team, revitalize your social programs, and prove to those who doubted your ability to lead that the "Spring" is not a fleeting dream, but a reality being built day by day.

The history books are watching, Mr. President. Do not let the legacy of your term be defined by the obstacles you faced, but by the walls you broke down. The people are waiting for you to deliver the Guatemala we know is possible.

With the persistent hope of a citizen,

A Concerned Guatemalan

Sovereign Performance Audit: Guatemala (June 2026)

Sector

Score

Summary

Political Stability

2.5

High polarization; the administration remains locked in a struggle against entrenched corrupt actors.

Economic Development

3.0

Stable macro-growth, but hampered by failures to execute key infrastructure and public projects.

Social Infrastructure

2.5

Significant gaps in health and education; service delivery remains slow and inconsistent.

National Resilience

3.5

Strong; civil society and Indigenous movements continue to actively defend democratic processes.

Final Verdict: 2.87 / The Stalled Spring.

Guatemala is currently in a "delivery gap." President Arévalo has the moral mandate, but the administrative capacity is severely tested by opposition in Congress and a compromised judicial system. The priority for the remainder of 2026 is operational execution: delivering visible infrastructure and social results to solidify his political base before the next election cycle.

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