

An Open Letter to Prime Minister Evika Siliņa

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Madam Prime Minister,

Every time I walk through the quiet, cobblestone streets of Old Riga, or look at the abandoned buildings in the smaller towns of Latgale, a heavy emotion takes over. It is a mix of deep love for our culture and a sharp, aching frustration. We are losing our people. Not to a military invasion, but to economic stagnation and a lack of belief in tomorrow. I am writing to you not to play opposition politics, but as a Latvian man, a taxpayer, and a citizen who knows that a country with empty towns cannot defend itself, no matter how many alliances it joins.

Our geopolitical reality is brutal, and we all know it. But true national security doesn't start with weapon purchases; it starts with an economy that gives people a reason to stay. Right now, as a citizen who chooses to live, work, and pay taxes here, I feel that our leadership is so preoccupied with external anxieties that it is neglecting the internal rot.

As the head of our government, your job is to manage the house, to make Latvia

viable, resilient, and competitive. And right now, I have very direct, unpolished questions for your administration:

The Demographic Hemorrhage: Our greatest threat is not across the border; it is the fact that Latvia is shrinking. Young, educated talent is still leaving for Western Europe because our wages cannot compete, and our bureaucracy suffocates ambition. Where is the aggressive, radical economic package to reverse this? If we don't fix this now, who will be left to populate this land in twenty years?

The Fractured Society: We live in a country divided by language, media bubbles, and historical grievances. A nation split in half is a national security nightmare. What is your actual strategy to build a cohesive, unified civic identity that binds all inhabitants to the Latvian state, beyond just bans and restrictions? True loyalty cannot be forced by decrees; it must be cultivated through shared prosperity.

Economic Lagging: We are consistently falling behind our Baltic neighbors, Estonia and Lithuania, in terms of innovation, investment, and infrastructure. Why are we moving so slowly? We need dynamic, fast-paced economic leadership, not bureaucratic inertia and cautious compromises.

Madam Prime Minister, I do not need comforting public relations or safe, politically correct statements. I am a practical man; I see the numbers. We are a small, proud nation, and we have proven we can survive the hardest winters of history. But we need a government that acts with the speed and decisiveness of a modern enterprise, not a slow-moving administrative court.

I am writing this to you because you represent a new generation of Latvian leadership. You are a pragmatist, a legal mind, and someone free from the political baggage of the past decades. You have the opportunity to break the cycle of cautious political survival and introduce bold, unapologetic reforms.

I want to believe in your modern vision. Stop managing the decline and start driving a revival. Give us a Latvia that is economically aggressive, socially cohesive, and fiercely prepared to hold its ground.

I expect sharp, decisive actions, and I am ready to work for them.

With respect and resolve,

Andris 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 Evika Siliņa 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: 3.5 (A highly competent professional, but still mastering the art of controlling a complex, fragile ruling coalition)

Connection with the People (Empathy): 3 (Her communication is modern and professional, but it often feels too corporate and detached from the raw struggles of the provinces)

Decisiveness and Toughness: 3 (She is capable of firm stances, but the necessity of political compromise often dilutes her initial resolve)

Actual Preparedness of the Country: 3 (While integration into Western defense structures is solid, the internal socio-economic foundation remains fragile and underperforming)

Final Verdict: 3.13 / The Corporate Manager. Evika Siliņa brings a welcome, modern technocratic style to Latvian politics, moving away from old-school oligarchic habits. She understands the systemic machinery well. However, Latvia currently does not need a careful manager to oversee a slow decline—it needs a bold, transformative leader willing to take massive political risks to fix the economy and unite a fractured society. Her current approach is safe, but safety in a time of global transition is a risk in itself.

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