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(WASHINGTON) – U.S. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, released the following statement today on the reported fall of the Government of Lebanon after the withdrawal of ministers representing Hezbollah and its partners:

“As the government of Lebanon appears to enter a period of transition at this crucial time, we must strongly and consistently support pro-democracy and pro-freedom Lebanese and the formation of a government free from the destructive influence of Iran, Syria, and Hezbollah.

“The Iran-Syria-Hezbollah axis is working to put an end to any hope for sovereignty, democracy, and freedom for Lebanon and the Lebanese people. The United States and other responsible nations must not repeat past mistakes where we failed to stand up to those who threaten Lebanon and all free nations.

“We must be vigilant against efforts to obstruct the work of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon and to evade accountability for the assassination of former prime minister Rafiq Hariri.”

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