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Ali Shebanaj, President  
SBASHK – The Union of Education, Science and Culture of Kosovo  
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Dear President Shebanaj:

On behalf of the 1.3 million members of the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, I am writing to express our sincere condolences on the tragic death of Kosovo President Ibrahim Rugova.

I was honored to meet President Rugova last year during my visit to the region, and I will always respect his courage, idealism and commitment to the cause of peace and progress. His legacy of optimism and perseverance is based on the fundamental belief that open dialogue can produce long-lasting change for the betterment of all. We hope to work with you in the years ahead to move this perspective forward.

Words are inadequate at a time such as this, but we wanted you and all the members of SBASHK to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

In solidarity,

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