



**United States Department of State**

*Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs  
Washington, D.C. 20520-6258*

Dear Dr. Shapiro and Ambassador Soderberg,

Thank you for your letter of April 9, in which you express your interest in Argentina's debts to U.S. bondholders and your concern regarding the role of the Argentine government in regional affairs.

The Department of State and our Embassy in Buenos Aires are urging the Government of Argentina to abide by its commitments and normalize its relations with all creditors. We have raised the issue numerous times in meetings with senior Argentine officials. I also raised debt and regional security concerns during my April 10-11 visit to Argentina.

I hope this information is useful to you. Please feel free to contact me on this or any matter of concern to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas A. Shannon".

Thomas A. Shannon  
Assistant Secretary of State