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On behalf of the National Democratic Alliance, Armenia’s largest pro-Western political party, we urge you to consider and support the following:

Congressman Chris Smith (R-NJ), has sponsored HR 5686, the "Preventing Ethnic Cleansing and Atrocities in Nagorno-Karabakh Act of 2023". This historic legislation will address the security needs and ethnic identity of Armenians in Nagorno-Karabakh. The legislation includes the following key provisions:

- Dispatching US diplomats to the region to monitor the situation and immediately report any further abuse;
- Instituting 24-hour video monitoring of Armenian cultural sites;
- Authorizing humanitarian assistance to Armenians harmed by the blockade and recent attack on Nagorno-Karabakh;
- Imposing new sanctions on officials who directed the blockade and attack on Nagorno-Karabakh;
- Providing foreign military financing to the democratic Republic of Armenia, now threatened by Azerbaijan; and
- Terminating US military aid to Azerbaijan by repealing the presidential waiver of Section 907 of the Freedom Support Act

This historic legislation holds Azerbaijan accountable for atrocities against Artsakh and establishes a framework for a U.S.-Armenia bilateral defense and security relationship. The legislation authorizes $12,000,000 for Foreign Military Financing assistance for the Republic of Armenia through the State Department in fiscal year 2024. H. R. 5686 seeks to hold Azerbaijan accountable and develop a stronger partnership with the United States while reducing Armenia’s dependency on Russia. The US can proactively assert its own strategic interests by assisting Armenia to withstand ongoing aggression.

A copy of the legislation together with relevant press statements are attached hereto. Also attached is a “Dear Colleague” letter that we urge you to sign.

To cosponsor the “Preventing Ethnic Cleansing and Atrocities in Nagorno Karabakh Act,” please contact Mark Milosch at Mark.Milosch@mail.house.gov.

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The attachments referred to follow. Note that they were inadvertently unlabeled.