



## ASSEMBLY OF TURKISH AMERICAN ASSOCIATIONS

US House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative [REDACTED]

I serve as President of the Assembly of Turkish American Associations (ATAA), the voice of over 500,000 Turkish and Turkic Americans at the nation's capital.

ATAA supports the Turkish – Armenian Normalization Process, which Turkey, Armenia and Switzerland jointly announced on August 31, 2009. The announcement also included the publication of two protocols providing a framework for normalization and a timetable. The signing of the Protocols by the Governments of Turkey and Armenia, and ratification by their respective parliaments, will set the course for the establishment of diplomatic relations and the development of the bilateral political and economic relations between the two countries.

The Normalization Process provides a unique opportunity in two important respects. First, the process is between the governments of Turkey and Armenia directly. Secondly, the Normalization Process requires dialogue and accountability between Turkey and Armenia.

The Normalization Process is important not only to Turkey and Armenia, but also for the broader region of the south Caucasus and U.S. interests there. The Normalization process will help facilitate bringing an end to the Armenian occupation of western Azerbaijan and the return of more than one million Azeris to their homes in western Azerbaijan. The resolution of this conflict and other issues between Turkey and Armenia holds great promise for the integration of all interested parties into the multilateral economic, political and social projects that are shaping the future of the region.

We, Turkish-Americans, are confident in the future of Turkey, Azerbaijan and U.S.-Turkish relations. But, all this depends on dialogue and due process on all issues that effect U.S.-Turkish relations, including all aspects that define relations with Armenia. We, therefore, reiterate our support for the normalization process between Turkey and Armenia.

We hope you will share in our confidence, and support the Normalization Process.

Sincerely,

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President  
Assembly of Turkish American Associations (ATAA)