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Re: **Turkey's threats against America**

The introduction of the Armenian Genocide Resolution - with the support of over 160 U.S. Representatives - has sparked a new round of outrageous Turkish government threats against the United States.

In recent days, Turkish officials have threatened to interfere with U.S. military operations in Iraq if the U.S. Congress even discusses this human rights legislation. These brazen threats raise a number of serious questions:

- 1) What kind of ally threatens the security of U.S. forces?**
- 2) What kind of ally tries to block Americans from condemning genocide?**
- 3) What kind of ally uses intimidation to influence our legislative process?**
- 4) What kind of message does it send if the U.S. submits to these threats?**

We respectfully urge you to take a stand against these attack on our nation's fundamental values.

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# Turkey's threats against America

The introduction of the Armenian Genocide Resolution has sparked a new round of Turkish threats to interfere with Coalition operations in Iraq if the U.S. Congress moves toward adoption of this human rights legislation.

By issuing these brazen and deeply offensive warnings:

- 1) Turkey threatens the security of U.S. forces in Iraq**
- 2) Turkey threatens America's moral stand against genocide**
- 3) Turkey threatens the integrity of the U.S. legislative process**

## **The truth behind Turkey's threats**

Turkey has taken only token steps against Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Argentina, Austria, the Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, and other states that have recognized the Armenian Genocide.

**The French example:** Despite all its threats in 2001 against France recognizing the Armenian Genocide, trade between France and Turkey grew 22% the following year, and has grown by 131% over the past five years. (Source: OECD)

**The U.S. example:** Despite years of U.S. deference to Turkey's genocide denials, in 2003 Ankara still blocked a northern front into Iraq, a move the Pentagon has said added significantly to the problems currently facing our forces.

The truth is that U.S. recognition of the Armenian Genocide will advance both U.S. interests and American values by removing a source of regional instability and reaffirming our nation's principled opposition to all instances of genocide.