



Attention:
Foreign Affairs
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Armenian National Committee of America

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To: Foreign Affairs Legislative Aide
From: Aram Hamparian, Executive Director
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Re: **Opposition to the Hoagland nomination**

Below please find a statement against the Hoagland nomination made by **LA Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa** at the ANCA's annual banquet this past weekend:

“I’m going to speak of the courage that all of you showed in fighting the nomination of Ambassador Richard Hoagland as the new U.S. Ambassador to Armenia. The courage that Senator Bob Menendez showed when he placed a hold on Ambassador Hoagland’s nomination... We need to remember the events of the Armenian Genocide by fighting the nomination of Richard Hoagland until he acknowledges the Armenian Genocide as fact!”

Here are two of the many remarks by Senators in opposition to this nomination:

Senator Bob Menendez: “Unlike his predecessor, Mr. Hoagland has declined to acknowledge the mass killings of the Armenians as genocide, and has said that if confirmed, he would work to represent the President’s policy. I have great concerns that Mr. Hoagland’s confirmation would be a step backward.”

Senator Norm Coleman: “I am of the Jewish faith. I cannot imagine an Ambassador to Israel being effective without talking about the Holocaust. I am not sure how we can continue to have Ambassadors to Armenia who can be effective, unless they give recognition to the Genocide.”

Please consider making a public statement in support of the Hoagland hold. Contact us at (202) 775-1918 or anca@anca.org with any questions.

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