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To: Foreign Affairs LA
From: Kate Nahapetian, Government Affairs Director
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Re: Congressional “Dear Colleague” letters

I am writing to bring to your attention two Congressional letters to the Secretary of State, regarding Turkey’s human rights record and aggression against its neighbors, that are of special concern to your Armenian American and Greek American constituents. We urge you to please co-sign both of these letters.

1) **Turkey’s EU candidacy**

The first letter, which is being circulated by Rep. Costa, urges the Secretary to press Turkey to address a number of issues connected to its European Union candidacy, among them its state-sponsored cover-up of the Armenian Genocide, an illegal blockade, occupation of Cyprus, human rights violations, and restrictions on freedom of religion.

To learn more about this letter, contact John Drake in Rep. Costa’s office at John.Drake@mail.house.gov or 225-3341.

2) **Occupation of Cyprus**

The second letter, initiated by the Reps. Bilirakis and Maloney, expresses disappointment that an ill-advised invitation by the Secretary to a “TRNC” leader will set back the cause of a lasting settlement on Cyprus.

To learn more about this letter, contact Christy Stefadouros in Rep. Bilirakis’ office at Christy.Stefadouros@mail.house.gov or 225-5755.

Feel free to contact me for the text of these letters or with any questions at (202) 775-1918 or kate@anca.org.

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