



# Armenian National Committee of America

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## **ANCA Policy Memo: Armenian American Legislative Priorities**

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Following Azerbaijan's blockade and ethnic cleansing of the indigenous Armenian population of Nagorno Karabakh (Artsakh), Armenian Americans join with our allies in asking you to take immediate action to hold Azerbaijan accountable for its genocidal aggression against Artsakh's Armenians.

### **Confront Azerbaijan's Greenwashing and Human Rights Violations at COP29**

- **Sign the Pallone-Markey Letter on Azerbaijan Hosting the COP29 UN Climate Summit** – a bicameral letter led by Congressman Pallone (D-NJ) and Senator Markey (D-MA) addressing Azerbaijan's human rights record ahead of the annual United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of the Parties (COP), which will be hosted in Baku in November. The letter addresses concerns over Azerbaijan hosting the summit in light of its ethnic cleansing of Nagorno Karabakh's Armenian population, its ongoing aggression against Armenia, and its escalating crackdowns on freedom of assembly, expression and the press. **To sign, contact James Johnson in Rep. Pallone's office: [James.Johnson@mail.house.gov](mailto:James.Johnson@mail.house.gov)**

### **Hold Azerbaijan Accountable & Deter Further Aggression Against Armenia**

- **Co-Sponsor H.R.7288, the Armenian Protection Act** – a bipartisan bill introduced by Representative Mike Lawler (R-NY) to temporarily repeal the waiver authority of Section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act, and enforce prohibitions on military assistance to Azerbaijan for a 2-year period. Its Senate companion – S.3000, introduced by Senator Gary Peters (D-MI) – passed by unanimous consent last year. **To co-sponsor, contact Courtney Kaufman in Rep. Lawler's office: [Courtney.Kaufman@mail.house.gov](mailto:Courtney.Kaufman@mail.house.gov)**

### **Release Armenian Prisoners of War and Sanction Azerbaijani Officials Responsible for Human Rights Abuses**

- **Co-Sponsor H.R.8141, the Azerbaijan Sanctions Review Act** – a bipartisan bill introduced by Representative Dina Titus (D-NV) that would require an assessment into the applicability of Global Magnitsky Act Sanctions against Azerbaijani government officials responsible for human rights abuses and war crimes, including the arbitrary detention and abuse of Armenian prisoners of war, and the extrajudicial killing of civilians. **To co-sponsor, contact Colby Harriman in Rep. Titus's office: [Colby.Harriman@mail.house.gov](mailto:Colby.Harriman@mail.house.gov)**

### **Condemn Ethnic Cleansing of Nagorno-Karabakh, and Support the Right of Return for Displaced Armenians**

- **Co-Sponsor H.Res.1327 – Condemning Azerbaijan's ethnic cleansing of Nagorno-Karabakh** – a bipartisan resolution introduced by Reps. Anna Eshoo (D-CA) and Chris Smith (R-NJ) defining Azerbaijan's blockade and military assault on Nagorno Karabakh as acts of ethnic cleansing, and urging the Administration to take immediate action to support Armenia's sovereignty and hold Azerbaijan accountable for its genocidal aggression. **To co-sponsor, please contact Andrew Cohen in Rep. Eshoo's office: [Andrew.Cohen@mail.house.gov](mailto:Andrew.Cohen@mail.house.gov)**
- **Co-Sponsor the Artsakh Revenue Recovery Act** – a bill introduced by Rep. Schiff (D-CA) that would authorize the president to seize Azerbaijani assets for the purposes of compensating Armenian families forcibly displaced from Nagorno Karabakh by Azerbaijan, and create a claims mechanism to provide financial remedy for displaced persons whose livelihood has been impacted by Azerbaijan's forcible confiscation of Armenian homes, businesses and financial assets. **To co-sponsor, contact Steven Park in Rep. Schiff's office: [Steven.Park@mail.house.gov](mailto:Steven.Park@mail.house.gov)**