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Mr. Sarkis Agasarkisian
Chairman
Armenian National Committee of Georgia
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Dear Chairman Agasarkisian:

On behalf of the citizens of Atlanta, I want to express my deepest sympathies as we remember the 1.5 million Armenian men, women and children who lost their lives during the Armenian genocide.

Remembrance is truly special because it offers a dual promise; it provides a unique opportunity to reflect upon the past experiences that make us who we are, while also embracing the potential of a brighter tomorrow. This year's 97th anniversary of the Armenian genocide highlights an annual world-wide day of remembrance of the grave atrocities committed against the Armenian people between 1915 and 1923. As you assemble to commemorate this tragic occurrence, I salute the Armenian community for all that you do to advance human rights. Your promotion of a public dialogue regarding this genocide and its legacy will surely inspire positive race relations and build a strong foundation for unity within our community.

While I regret that I am unable to join you during this year's commemorative activities, I applaud your awe-inspiring courage in the face of unimaginable human loss. It is through your leadership serving others, sharing faith, and gathering in fellowship that you have been able to move forward as a community with grace, dignity and love.

On behalf of the people of Atlanta, we affirm our belief in tolerance and justice on *Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day* and every day afterwards.

Sincerely,

Kasim Reed