

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

April 20, 2006

The Honorable George W. Bush  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
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Dear Mr. President,

We are writing to urge you to join us in reaffirming the United States record on the Armenian Genocide in your upcoming April 24<sup>th</sup> commemorative statement.

This date marks the 91<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the systematic and deliberate campaign of genocide perpetrated by the Ottoman Empire in 1915. Over the following eight years, one and a half million Armenians were murdered, and more than half a million were forced from their homeland into exile. In the years since, descendants of Armenian immigrants have clung to their identity and have prospered across this nation and throughout the world. The United States is fortunate to be home to an organized and active Armenian community, whose members contribute and participate in every aspect of civic life.

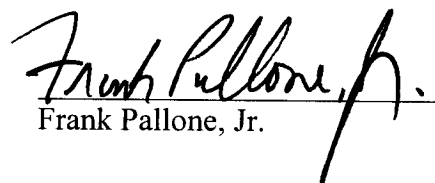
By properly recognizing the terrible atrocities committed against the Armenian people as “genocide” in your statement, you will honor the many Americans who helped launch the unprecedented U.S. diplomatic, political and humanitarian campaign to end the carnage and protect the survivors. The U.S. Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire, Henry Morgenthau, acting on instructions from Secretaries of State William Jennings Bryan and Robert Lansing, protested the slaughter of the Armenians to the Ottoman leaders. Without our intervention, the Ottoman Empire’s genocidal plan would have been even more lethal.

The United States must never allow crimes against humanity to pass without remembrance and condemnation. As U.S. efforts to aid victims of genocide continue, it is imperative that we pay tribute to the memory of others who have suffered and to never forget the past. By commemorating the Armenian Genocide, we renew our commitment to prevent future atrocities, and therefore negate the dictum that history is condemned to repeat itself.

We look forward to your April 24<sup>th</sup> statement and, as always, stand ready to work with you on this and the many other matters of importance to our nation.

Sincerely,

  
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