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RE: Outsourcing America's Moral Conscience?

It's clear that Turkey's lobbyists are worried about the growing momentum behind the Armenian Genocide Resolution, H.Res.106, (225+ cosponsors from 39 states) and increasingly troubled by the broad bipartisan support this human rights measure is set to receive on the House floor.

In the last day or two, you may have seen a letter circulated by former State Department leaders warning Congress not to even consider this resolution because it would upset officials of the Turkish government.

Turkey is an ally, but should not be allowed to exercise a veto over which human rights issues the U.S. Congress can and can't debate.

We should never outsource our moral conscience to a foreign government.

Sadly, even in 2007, we find ourselves lacking the national political will to act decisively against the ongoing genocide in Darfur – or for that matter the 1994 genocide in Rwanda - precisely because of the failed appeasement policies, designed by these very same officials, of caving in to rather than confronting those who benefit from genocide.

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Armenian Genocide Resolution: H.Res.106

1) Majority support

H.Res.106 has been cosponsored by more than 225 Representatives from 39 states.

2) Bipartisan support

H.Res.106 enjoys strong support among the House Democratic leadership, as well as among senior Republicans, including the House Republican Policy Committee Chairman, Chief Deputy Minority Whip, and the Ranking Members of the Rules, Education and Labor, Judiciary, and Armed Services committees.

3) Committee support

H.Res.106 has been cosponsored by 23 members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. An identical resolution considered by this same panel in the 109th Congress was supported by both the Chairman and Ranking Member and passed overwhelmingly by a vote of 40 to 7.

4) Grassroots support

The Armenian Genocide has been officially recognized, through legislation or proclamation, by 40 U.S. states.

5) Coalition support

H.Res.106 is supported by the Genocide Intervention Network, National Council of Churches, American Values, Jewish groups including the Zionist Organization of America and Americans for Peace Now, as well as by a diverse coalition that includes organizations representing the Ukrainian, Greek, Filipino, Polish, Hungarian, Arab, Bulgarian, Latvian, Romanian, Lithuanian, Slovakian, and other communities.

6) Academic support

H.Res.106 has been endorsed by the International Association of Genocide Scholars, the leading group of experts in Holocaust and genocide studies.

7) International support

The Armenian Genocide has been recognized by a growing number of nations, including Canada, Italy, Sweden, Belgium, France, Argentina, Russia, and Switzerland.