

Call-to-Action

Call on your representative to support recognition of the Assyrian Genocide

BACKGROUND

H.Res.537 calls on the United States to formally recognize the Assyrian Genocide (1914-1925) during which the Ottoman Turkish government (later the Republic of Turkey) and allied Kurdish tribes subjected hundreds of thousands of Assyrians to a systematic campaign of massacre, torture, abduction, deportation, impoverishment, and cultural and ethnic destruction. More than 250,000 Assyrians were killed during the genocide, a number that represented more than half the entire Assyrian population at the time. The resolution also calls for the United States to urge Turkey to recognize the genocide. Access the full text and our analysis of the resolution by viewing our [bill tracker](#).

Do your part:

- Call or write your representative asking them to show their support for Assyrian Genocide recognition by becoming a co-sponsor of H.Res.537. Find a sample script and a sample letter on page 2 of this document. If you don't know who your current representative is, [click here](#) or email us at info@assyrianpolicy.org.
- Tweet your representatives and/or leave comments on their Facebook and Instagram posts urging them to support H.Res.537. Social media gives us the power to highlight injustices, call out inaccuracies and misrepresentations, and brings about better understanding of challenges facing Assyrians both past and present. By creating and supporting hashtag campaigns, we can invite people from all over the world to get involved in important conversations related to Assyrians.
- Stay informed and help raise awareness. Knowledge and information can be powerful tools in the struggle for human rights, especially when secrecy, silence and denial of atrocities—whether historic or contemporary—continue to violate the rights of people living today. Learn more about the Assyrian Genocide by reading "[Assyrian Genocide in Modern History](#)."

H.Res.537 is sponsored by Representative Josh Harder.
Click here to read API's letter of support to Rep. Harder.

Leave a message of thanks
(202)225-4540

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Make a phone call.

Hello, my name is [Your Name] and I am calling to ask that Representative [Name of Representative] support Assyrian Genocide recognition by becoming a co-sponsor of House Resolution 537. I am a resident of [Your City/Town] and this issue means a great deal to me and my family. [Optional: Explain why genocide recognition is important.] We hope that Representative [Last Name] will show his/her support for the Assyrian-American community through this legislation. Thank you.



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Send a letter or an email.

Dear [Name of Representative]:

My name is [Your Name] and I am a resident of [Your City/Town]. I am writing to request that you support United States recognition of the Assyrian Genocide by becoming a co-sponsor of H.Res.537 which was introduced by Representative Josh Harder on August 2, 2019.

As H.Res.537 recognizes, hundreds of thousands of Assyrians were subjected to a systematic campaign of massacre, torture, abduction, deportation, impoverishment, and cultural and ethnic destruction between 1914-1925. It is estimated that more than 250,000 Assyrians perished during the genocide—a number that represented more than half the Assyrian population at the time.

[Optional: Explain why recognition of the Assyrian Genocide is important to you.]

Thank you for your time and consideration. My family and I will be monitoring this legislation, and we hope that you will join as a co-sponsor to show your support for an issue that means a great deal to us.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]