

Dear [Senator/Congressperson],

My name is _____, and I am a constituent from _____. I'm calling to urge [Senator/Congressperson] to take action on the situation in the Afrin area of Rojava in Northern Syria.

As you know, In January of 2018, the Turkish army and extremist militants paid by Turkey launched an unprovoked and illegal invasion of Afrin. The occupying forces have displaced much of the Kurdish population in an attempt to change the demographic balance at Turkey's border with Syria. They have appropriated homes and businesses and committed numerous human rights violations. All these activities are a classic example of ethnic cleansing.

The ongoing attempt to destroy this democratic, progressive community has also hampered the fight against ISIS. Thousands of troops from the Syrian Democratic Forces – Rojava's Kurdish led defense force that was our most reliable and effective ally in Syria – have left the field to try and defend Afrin.

To bring about a just peace, I want Congress to take a clear stand against Turkey's invasion and continued aggression in Afrin by ensuring Rojava's representation in Syrian peace negotiations and work for a federalist solution that will preserve its autonomy; continue military support for the SDF (Syrian Democratic Forces; break the Turkish embargo and send economic and humanitarian aid to Rojava; end the sale and delivery of weapons and intelligence equipment to Turkey; press for the release of political prisoners in Turkey and the resumption of peace negotiations between representative of the Kurdish movement and the government.