

Spotlight on Armenian American Candidates Participating in the 2012 Elections

Armenian Americans are running for election across the country for a myriad of federal, state and local positions. Take a moment to see who is running for office in your neighborhood and lend your support.

U.S. Congress:

Danny Tarkanian (R-NV-4)



Successful business owner Danny Tarkanian, and son of famed UNLV Basketball coach Jerry Tarkanian is running as the Republican candidate in the newly created 4th Congressional district in Nevada. A victory by Danny Tarkanian would increase the number of Armenian Americans in the House of Representatives to three - he would join Reps. Anna Eshoo and Jackie Kanchelian Speier - and would serve as the only Republican Armenian American elected official on Capitol Hill. Tarkanian is no stranger to the campaign scene, having run for State Assembly and the U.S. Senate in the past.

Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-CA-18) - ANCA Rating: A+



Of Armenian and Assyrian descent, Rep. Eshoo knows of the devastating effects of the Armenian Genocide and Turkey's denial of that crime and has spoken eloquently about the importance of U.S. affirmation at the annual Capitol Hill Armenian Genocide Observance. She has also been an outspoken advocate for self-determination for Nagorno Karabakh, most recently issuing a strong statement condemning the Aliyev pardon, promotion and praise for convicted Azerbaijani axe-murderer Ramil Safarov. For her principled and steadfast support of key Armenian American priorities, Armenian President Serge Sargisyan awarded her the Mkhitar Gosh Medal, the Armenian government's highest

civilian honor.

Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA-14) - ANCA Rating: A+



A three-term House member, Rep. Speier, who along with Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-CA) is of Armenian ancestry, has been outspoken in her support for Armenian Genocide affirmation and ongoing efforts to secure Turkey's return of confiscated Christian properties, through cosponsorship of H.Res.304 and H.Res.306 respectively. She has also been an active proponent of increased U.S. aid and trade for Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh, and condemning the ongoing illegal blockades by Azerbaijan and Turkey.

Statewide Election:

Brad Avakian (D-OR-State Labor Commissioner)

State Senate:



Aram Garabedian

Aram Garabedian - (I-RI-27)
Tim Kapucian - (R-IA-38)
Al Shoushtarian - (I-ID-14)
Stephen Simonian - (R-MA-Worcester-2nd Dist.)

State Assembly:

Paul Saryian (R-NY-61)



A former NYPD police captain who served his city for 24 years with pride, honor and integrity, Saryian is now seeking a position in the New York State Assembly to continue his public service for the benefit Staten Island residents. Saryian has been a forceful advocate for U.S. affirmation and justice for the Armenian Genocide, working closely with New York ANCA activists to successfully unseat outspoken pro-Turkey advocate Michael McMahon from the U.S. House of Representatives in 2010. The grandson of Armenian Genocide survivors, Saryian has explained that "Justice and making a difference is all that ever mattered to me. It's the main reason why I became a police officer. It is also the reason why I am proud to announce that I am a candidate for New York State Assembly."

Katcho Achadjian (R-CA-35)
Mary Beth Ayvazian (D-NH-Hillsborough 25 (2))
Gary Azarian (R-NH-Rockingham 8 (9))
King Banaian (R-MN-14B)
John Fresolo (D-MA-Worcester - 16th Dist.)



Katherine S. Kazarian

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nize the work produced by talented writers working in North America.

The prize is intended to encourage new work in the major genres of literary production, as they are currently understood in North America. In this expanded understanding, poetry, short stories, novels, and drama are included, as are works of creative non-fiction—a genre that includes memoirs, as well as personal, descriptive, and literary critical essays. Representatives of these genres may be offered as candidates for the prize. Work in Armenian, English, French, and Spanish will be considered, as long as the authors are of Armenian ancestry, or the work has an Armenian theme or revolves around an Armenian topic.

The primary purpose of the Tölölyan Prize is to encourage and offer recognition through the award and ensuing publicity to those who wish to write about Armenian themes and topics.

The jury charged with judging

Katherine S. Kazarian (D-RI-63)
Greg Krikorian (R-CA-43)
Mary Lou Marzian (D-KY-34)
James Miceli (D-MA-Middlesex-19th Dist.)



Greg Krikorian

Adrin Nazarian (D-CA-46)
Charlene Takesian (R-NH-Hillsborough 37 (11))
Kelly Upham-Torosian (D-NH-Rockingham 4 (5))

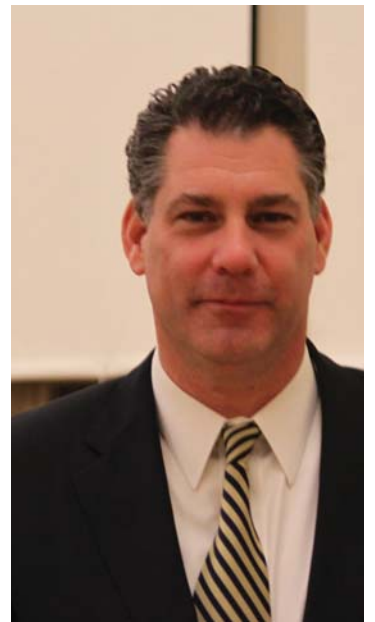
County and City Elections



Scott Avedisian (R) running for Mayor of Warwick, RI



Linda Arzoumanian (R) Pima County AZ School Superintendent
Charlie Diradour (D), running for Richmond, VA City Council



Peter Koutoujian (D), running for Middlesex County, MA Sheriff
Richelle Noroyan (D), running for Santa Cruz, CA City Council

the submissions is comprised of Dr. Sima Aprahamian (Montreal), Dr. Vartan Matiossian (New York/New Jersey), Gourgen Arzoumanian (California), Yervant Kotchounian (California) and Prof. Khachig Tölölyan (Connecticut). The winner of the prize, and its modest financial award of \$2,500, will be announced at Hamazkayin's Annual Pan Gathering in early May, with the first award to be presented in Boston on May 2013. All submissions must either be e-mailed to tololyan_award@hamazkayin-usa.org as a PDF file (highly encouraged) or in hard-copy format to the Hamazkayin Tololyan Prize Committee, 80 Bigelow Ave, Watertown, MA 02472, by Dec. 31, 2012.

Submissions may consist of work published either in 2011 or

2012. Recent work that has yet to be published may also be submitted.

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ANCA Announces 2012 Congressional Grades and Endorsements

Throws Community's Electoral Support Behind Over 140 House and Senate Candidates with Proven Track Records on Armenian American Issues

WASHINGTON—The Armenian National Committee of America (ANCA) released its 2012 Congressional grades and endorsements on Oct. 23, throwing the Armenian American community's political and electoral strength behind House and Senate candidates from across more than 30 states with proven track records of support on issues of special concern to both Armenian Americans and friends of Armenia.

"We are, once again, gratified to offer our Congressional endorsements as a resource to help Armenian American voters make informed decisions at the ballot box on November 6th," said ANCA Executive Director Aram Hamparian. "With so many Senate and House races being hotly contested, we encourage all Armenian Americans to go to the polls fully armed with all the facts about each candidate's words and—more importantly—their real-world actions on Armenian American issues."

The ANCA endorsements are based primarily on ANCA Congressional Report Cards, a detailed review of each incumbent's record across a broad range of Armenian American issues. These Report Cards, prepared in consultation with ANCA Regional offices and local ANCs across the country, cover issues ranging from securing a just resolution of the Armenian Genocide and forcing Turkey's return of Armenian and other Christian religious properties, to strengthening U.S.-Armenia relations, defending Nagorno Karabakh's independence, and increasing U.S. aid and trade levels with Armenia.

Among the grading criteria were each Member's willingness to advance pro-Armenian American legislative initiatives (resolutions, letters, etc.), including the Armenian Genocide Resolution, the Return of Churches Resolution, and pro-Armenian provisions of the foreign aid bill, as well as their support for Nagorno Karabakh. Other factors include their membership in the Armenian Caucus, attendance at Armenian civic and community events, and their support for human rights issues related to Darfur and Cyprus.

The 2012 ANCA Report Cards include:

* A point-by-point analysis of each incumbent's support on key legislation, Congressional "Dear Colleague" letters, participation and leadership in initiatives and events held in the nation's capital and in local communities.

* Congressional Notes highlighting key initiatives taken by individual House and Senate Members - from Congressional speeches to other undertakings of special concern to the Armenian American community.

* A detailed accounting of Turkish and Azerbaijani Government lobby efforts targeting Senators and Representatives during the 112th Congress, as reported by the U.S. Department of Justice Foreign Agent Registration division (www.fara.gov).

The ANCA Congressional Report Cards are posted on the ANCA website at:

http://www.anca.org/legislative_center/election_report_cards.php

Armenian Americans interested in learning about their new Congressional districts can type in their address and ZIP code at the ANCA Election section here:

<http://anca.capwiz.com/anca/election/home/>

Two lists are provided below:

1) A complete list of ANCA-Endorsed candidates, including incumbents and challengers, ordered by their new Congressional districts, based on re-districting following the 2010 census.

2) A complete list of ANCA Congressional Grades for 112th Congress (2011-2012).

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Listing of ANCA Endorsed Congressional Candidates

** Ordered by State, then by Senate and New House Congressional District (per the 2010 Census).

** Names are listed as follows: District, Name, (Party)

- Arizona
 - 3 Rep. Raul Grijalva (D)
- California
 - Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D) - Senate
 - 5 Rep. Mike Thompson (D)
 - 6 Rep. Doris Matsui (D)
 - 7 Rep. Dan Lungren (R)
 - 10 Rep. Jeff Denham (R)
 - 12 Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D)
 - 13 Rep. Barbara Lee (D)
 - 14 Rep. Jackie Speier (D)
 - 15 Rep. Pete Stark (D)
 - 16 Rep. Jim Costa (D)
 - 17 Rep. Michael Honda (D)
 - 18 Rep. Anna Eshoo (D)
 - 19 Rep. Zoe Lofgren (D)
 - 21 David Valadao (R)
 - 22 Rep. Devin Nunes (R)
 - 23 Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R)
 - 24 Rep. Lois Capps (D)
 - 27 Rep. Judy Chu (D)
 - 28 Rep. Adam Schiff (D)
 - 29 Tony Cardenas (D)
 - 32 Rep. Grace Napolitano (D)
 - 33 Rep. Henry Waxman (D)
 - 34 Rep. Xavier Becerra (D)
 - 35 Rep. Joe Baca (D)
 - 37 Rep. Karen Bass (D)
 - 38 Rep. Linda Sanchez (D)
 - 39 Rep. Edward Royce (R)
 - 40 Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D)
 - 42 Rep. Ken Calvert (R)
 - 44 Rep. Janice Hahn (D)

- 46 Rep. Loretta Sanchez (D)
- 48 Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R)
- 53 Rep. Susan Davis (D)
- Colorado
 - 1 Rep. Diana DeGette (D)
 - 2 Rep. Jared Polis (D)
 - 4 Rep. Cory Gardner (R)
 - 5 Rep. Douglas Lamborn (R)
 - 6 Rep. Mike Coffman (R)
 - 7 Rep. Edwin Perlmutter (D)
- Connecticut
 - Rep. Chris Murphy (D) - Senate
 - 1 Rep. John Larson (D)
 - 2 Rep. Joe Courtney (D)
 - 3 Rep. Rosa Delauro (D)
 - 4 Rep. Jim Himes (D)
- Florida
 - 12 Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R)
 - 18 Rep. Allen West (R)
 - 21 Rep. Ted Deutch (D)
 - 24 Rep. Frederica Wilson (D)
 - 25 Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R)
 - 26 Rep. David Rivera (R)
- Georgia
 - 11 Patrick Thompson (D)
- Hawaii
 - Rep. Mazie Hirono (D) - Senate
- Idaho
 - 1 Rep. Raul Labrador (R)
- Illinois
 - 1 Rep. Bobby Rush (D)
 - 2 Rep. Jesse Jackson (D)
 - 3 Rep. Daniel Lipinski (D)
 - 5 Rep. Mike Quigley (D)
 - 6 Rep. Peter Roskam (R)
 - 7 Rep. Danny Davis (D)
 - 9 Rep. Janice Schakowsky (D)
 - 10 Rep. Robert Dold (R)
- Indiana
 - 1 Rep. Peter Visclosky (D)
- Iowa
 - 1 Rep. Bruce Braley (D)
- Maine
 - 1 Rep. Chellie Pingree (D)
 - 2 Rep. Michael Michaud (D)
- Maryland
 - Sen. Benjamin Cardin (D) -

- Senate
 - 3 Rep. John Sarbanes (D)
 - 5 Rep. Steny Hoyer (D)
 - 8 Rep. Christopher Van Hollen (D)
- Massachusetts
 - Sen. Scott Brown (R) - Senate
 - 1 Rep. Richard Neal (D)
 - 2 Rep. James McGovern (D)
 - 3 Rep. Niki Tsongas (D)
 - 5 Rep. Edward Markey (D)
 - 6 Rep. John Tierney (D)
 - 7 Rep. Michael Capuano (D)
 - 8 Rep. Stephen Lynch (D)
 - 9 Rep. William Keating (D)
- Michigan
 - Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D) - Senate
 - 6 Rep. Fred Upton (R)
 - 9 Rep. Sander Levin (D)
 - 12 Rep. John Dingell (D)
 - 13 Rep. John Conyers (D)
 - 14 Rep. Gary Peters (D)
- Minnesota
 - Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D) - Senate
 - 1 Rep. Timothy Walz (D)
 - 4 Rep. Betty McCollum (D)
 - 7 Rep. Collin Peterson (D)
- Nebraska
 - 1 Rep. Jeff Fortenberry (R)
- Nevada
 - Rep. Shelley Berkley (D) - Senate
 - 1 Former Rep. Dina Titus (D)
 - 4 Danny Tarkanian (R)
- New Jersey
 - Sen. Robert Menendez (D) - Senate
 - 1 Rep. Robert Andrews (D)
 - 2 Rep. Frank Lobiondo (R)
 - 4 Rep. Christopher Smith (R)
 - 5 Rep. Scott Garrett (R)
 - 6 Rep. Frank Pallone (D)
 - 8 Rep. Albio Sires (D)
 - 11 Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen (R)
 - 12 Rep. Rush Holt (D)
- New Mexico
 - Rep. Martin Heinrich (D) - Senate
- New York
 - 1 Rep. Tim Bishop (D)
 - 2 Rep. Peter King (R)
 - 3 Rep. Steve Israel (D)
 - 4 Rep. Carolyn McCarthy (D)
 - 10 Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D)
 - 11 Rep. Michael Grimm (R)
 - 12 Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D)
 - 13 Rep. Charles Rangel (D)

- 14 Rep. Joseph Crowley (D)
- 16 Rep. Eliot Engel (D)
- 17 Rep. Nita Lowey (D)
- 20 Rep. Paul Tonko (D)
- 24 Rep. Ann Marie Buerkle (R)
- 26 Rep. Brian Higgins (D)
- Ohio
 - Sen. Sherrod Brown (D) - Senate
 - 9 Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D)
 - 16 Rep. Betty Sue Sutton (D)
- Oregon
 - 4 Rep. Peter DeFazio (D)
- Pennsylvania
 - 1 Rep. Robert Brady (D)
 - 2 Rep. Chaka Fattah (D)
 - 3 Rep. Mike Kelly (R)
 - 7 Rep. Patrick Meehan (R)
 - 8 Kathy Boockvar (D)
 - 13 Rep. Allyson Schwartz (D)
- Rhode Island
 - Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D) - Senate
 - 1 Rep. David Cicilline (D)
 - 2 Rep. James Langevin (D)
- Tennessee
 - 2 Rep. John Duncan (R)
- Texas
 - 29 Rep. Gene Green (D)
 - 35 Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D)
- Vermont
 - Sen. Bernard Sanders (I) - Senate
 - AL Rep. Peter Welch (D)
- Virginia
 - Former Sen. George Allen (R) - Senate
 - 4 Rep. Randy Forbes (R)
 - 7 Rep. Eric Cantor (R)
 - 10 Rep. Frank Wolf (R)
- Washington
 - 1 John Koster (R)
 - 7 Rep. Jim McDermott (D)
- Wisconsin
 - Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D) - Senate
 - 1 Rep. Paul Ryan (R)

Spotlight on 2012 Congressional Races in the Eastern U.S.

Senate

Sen. Robert Menendez (D-NJ)
– ANCA Rating: A+



Sen. Menendez has been a leading force on issues of concern to the Armenian American community in New Jersey and throughout the nation since first being elected to Congress in 1992. In 2006, Sen. Menendez blocked the misguided nomination of Richard Hoagland to serve as US Ambassador to Armenia, after Hoagland offered responses to Senate Foreign Relations Committee inquiries denying the Armenian Genocide. In 2010, Sen. Menendez and Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-CA) opposed the appointment of Matthew Bryza to serve as US Ambassador to Azerbaijan, citing Bryza's close ties to the repressive Aliyev regime. He has cosponsored every Armenian Genocide Resolution since entering Congress, and serves as the lead Democratic cosponsor of S. Res. 399, the Armenian Genocide Resolution, during the 112th Congress. He is a perennial participant at the Armenian Genocide Observance at Times Square. Just recently, he issued a strongly worded statement condemning the release and pardon of convicted Azerbaijani axe-murderer Ramil Safarov.

Sen. Scott Brown (R-MA) – ANCA Rating: A



Sen. Brown serves as the lead Republican cosponsor of S. Res. 392, the Return of Churches and Religious Freedom Resolution. He expressed solidarity with the Christian Armenian community in Massachusetts during a meeting with His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, Prelate of the Eastern Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America, and pledged to work for passage of this religious freedom measure by the Senate.

Former Sen. George Allen (R-VA)



Sen. Allen, who previously represented the Commonwealth of Virginia from 2001 to 2007 in the US Senate, is running to reclaim his old Senate seat. Sen. Allen cosponsored all three Armenian Genocide Resolutions during his six years in the Senate. He chaired the confirmation hearing in June, 2006, of Richard Hoagland to serve as US Ambassador to Armenia, during which time he pressed for Armenian Genocide affirmation. In 1995, as governor of Virginia, he issued a proclamation in commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. As Senator, he consistently received an "A" rating from the ANCA.

Rep. Chris Murphy (D-CT) – ANCA Rating: B



Rep. Murphy cosponsored H. Res. 304, the Armenian Genocide Resolution, and has supported Armenian Genocide recognition efforts during his time in the House of Representatives. As a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Rep. Murphy voted in support of the Berman-Cicilline amendment to the State Department authorization bill, which called on Secretary Clinton to urge Turkey to return stolen Christian Churches and properties and respect the right to freedom of worship of the Christian community.

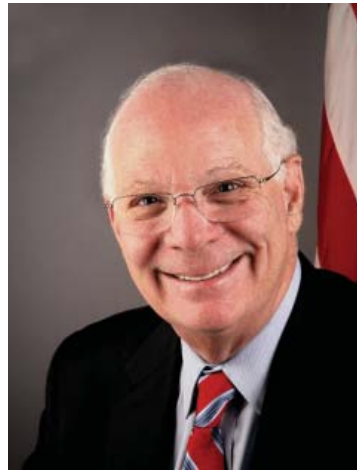
Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) – ANCA Rating: A



Sen. Whitehouse cosponsored S. Res. 399, the Armenian Genocide Resolution, and recently attended the ANC of Rhode Island candidate forum in Providence, RI.

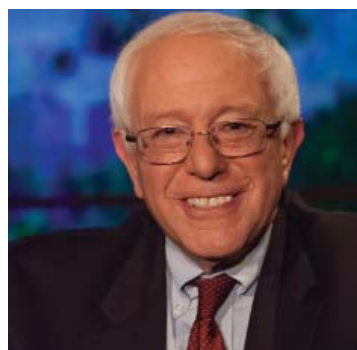
During a meeting with His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, Prelate of the Eastern Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America, Sen. Whitehouse reaffirmed his strong support for issues of concern to the Armenian American community.

Sen. Benjamin Cardin (D-MD) – ANCA Rating: A



As co-chair of the Helsinki Commission, Sen. Cardin has taken the lead on numerous human rights issues during his service in the US Senate. Sen. Cardin has cosponsored S. Res. 399, the Armenian Genocide Resolution, and met with His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, Prelate of the Eastern Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America.

Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) – ANCA Rating: A+



Sen. Sanders cosponsored S. Res. 392, the Return of Churches and Religious Freedom Resolution, and S. Res. 399, the Armenian Genocide Resolution. In August 2012, he met with constituent Chris Bohjalian, the New York Times best-selling author of The Sandcastle Girls, to discuss a broad range of issues to the Armenian American community.

Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) – ANCA Rating: B



Sen. Stabenow has been a perennial supporter of issues of concern to the Armenian American community in Michigan. She co-sponsored S. Res. 399, the Armenian Genocide Resolution, and recently attended the ground-blessing ceremony for the new St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church in Novi, MI.

Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) – ANCA Rating: B



Since her election to the US Senate in 2006, Sen. Klobuchar has consistently supported issues of concern to the growing Armenian American community in Minnesota. She has cosponsored every Armenian Genocide Resolution, including the current measure, S. Res. 399. Sen. Klobuchar has met with His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, Prelate of the Eastern Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America.

House of Representatives

Rep. Robert Dold (R-IL-10) – ANCA Rating: A+



As a freshman member, Rep. Dold immediately stepped up to take a leadership position on Armenian American concerns, joining with Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA) to serve as the lead Republican cosponsor of H. Res. 304, the Armenian Genocide Resolution, and speaking passionately at the annual Armenian Genocide Observance on Capitol Hill. He was also an early supporter of H. Res. 306, the Return of Churches and Religious Freedom Resolution, and attended events on Capitol Hill celebrating the 20th anniversaries of independence of Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh. For his consistent leadership on community concerns, Congressional Armenian Caucus Republican Co-Chair, Rep. Ed Royce (R-CA) recently announced Rep. Dold's appointment as Republican Vice-Chair of the Caucus.

Rep. Michael Grimm (R-NY-11) – ANCA Rating: A

After defeating one of the most outspoken pro-Turkey House



Members, Michael McMahon, in a tight 2010 House race, Rep. Grimm has championed issues of concern to the Armenian American community. He has cosponsored H. Res. 304, the Armenian Genocide Resolution, and H. Res. 306, the Return of Churches Resolution, and expressed solidarity with the Christian Armenian community in New York City during a meeting with His Eminence Archbishop Oshagan Choloyan, Prelate of the Eastern Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America. He has also been a consistent supporter of increased U.S. aid and trade with Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh.

Rep. David Cicilline (D-RI-1) – ANCA Rating: A+



In July, 2011, as a freshman member who serves on the important House Foreign Affairs Committee, Rep. Cicilline joined with Ranking Member Howard Berman (D-CA) to pass the Berman-Cicilline Amendment to the State Department Authorization Bill. The landmark amendment urged Secretary Clinton to call on Turkey to return stolen Christian properties and respect the right to religious freedom of their Christian minorities. He has also been an outspoken advocate for self-determination for the people of Nagorno Karabakh, welcoming the Rhode Island General Assembly's passage of a resolution supporting the Republic's efforts to develop as a free and independent nation. Since his years as Mayor of Providence, he has fostered close ties with the local Armenian community, most recently attending the ANC of Rhode Island candidate forum in Providence, RI.

Rep. Eric Cantor (R-VA-7) – ANCA Rating: A

A perennial supporter of Armenian Genocide recognition, the ANCA worked with Majority Leader Cantor to secure passage on the House floor of H. Res. 306, the Return of Churches and Religious Freedom Resolution. Under the leadership of Majority Leader



Genocide legislation and keeps close ties with Armenian Americans in his district, which includes Watertown, MA.

Rep. Jim McGovern (D-MA-2)
– ANCA Rating: A+



Rep. John Sarbanes (D-MD-3)
– ANCA Rating: A+



Rep. McGovern serves as the Democratic Co-Chair of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission and has consistently supported Congressional reaffirmation of the Armenian Genocide, among the broad array of international human rights concerns he champions. During this Congress, he was also an early supporter of H. Res. 306, the Return of Churches and Religious Freedom Resolution. Rep. McGovern represents one of the oldest Armenian American communities, Worcester, MA, which is the home of the first Armenian Church in the United States.

Rep. John Tierney (D-MA-6)
– ANCA Rating: B+



Rep. Gary Peters (D-MI-14)
– ANCA Rating: A



Rep. Tierney has consistently supported issues of concern to the Armenian American community since he first took office in 1997. As a member of the Congressional Armenian Caucus, Rep. Tierney cosponsored H. Res. 304, the Armenian Genocide Resolution, and cosigned the letter to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on the Armenian Genocide. In 2012, Rep. Tierney joined his colleagues in expressing concern about Secretary Clinton's remarks referring to the Armenian Genocide as a historical debate.

Rep. Frank Wolf (R-VA-10)
– ANCA Rating: A



Rep. Wolf serves as the Republican Co-Chair of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission and consistently champions recognition of the Armenian Genocide and the self-determination of the people of Nagorno Karabakh. In remarks offered in the House, Rep. Wolf recalled his 1994 trip to Nago-

rno Karabakh and was forceful in condemning Azerbaijan's pogroms against the Armenian communities in Sumgait, Baku and Kirovabad.

Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL-12)
– ANCA Rating: A+



As the Republican Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Hel-

lenic Issues, Rep. Bilirakis cosponsored H. Res. 304, the Armenian Genocide Resolution, and H. Res. 306, the Return of Churches and Religious Freedom Resolution. He spoke forcefully about the need to protect the Christian population in Turkey during the July, 2011, vote on the Berman-Cicilline Amendment to the State Department Authorization Bill, which called on Secretary Clinton to urge Turkey to return stolen Christian Churches and properties and respect the right to freedom of worship of the Christian community.

Rep. Bruce Braley (D-IA-1)
– ANCA Rating: A+



A member of the Congressional Armenian Caucus, Rep. Braley cosponsored H. Res. 304, the Armenian Genocide Resolution, and H. Res. 306, the Return of Churches and Religious Freedom Resolution, and signed two letters to the leadership of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, calling for increased aid to Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh. Rep. Braley also attended the 2011 Capitol Hill Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide.

Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ-4)
– ANCA Rating: A



Smith spoke in strong support of Christian minorities and property rights during the July, 2011, vote on the Berman-Cicilline Amendment to the State Department Authorization Bill, which called on Secretary Clinton to urge Turkey to return stolen Christian Churches and properties and respect the right to freedom of worship of the Christian community. Rep. Smith also cosponsored H. Res. 304, the Armenian Genocide Resolution, and may serve as the chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee during the 113th Congress.

Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY-12)
– ANCA Rating: A+

As the Democratic Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues, Rep. Maloney cosponsored H. Res. 304, the Armenian Genocide Resolution, and H. Res. 306, the Return of Churches and Religious Freedom Resolution. She spoke in opposition on the House floor and helped defeat H. R. 2362, the Indian Tribal Trade and Investment Demonstration Project Act, which would have granted Turkey special advantages



in conducting business with Native American tribes. She is a perennial participant at the Armenian Genocide Observance at Times Square.

Rep. Eliot Engel (D-NY-16)
– ANCA Rating: A+



As a senior member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Rep. Engel has been at the forefront of special issues of concern to the Armenian American community, particularly for the self-determination of the people of Nagorno Karabakh. He spoke on the House floor in December 2011 in strong support of H. Res. 306, the Return of Churches and Religious Freedom Resolution, which ultimately passed. Rep. Engel cosponsored H. Res. 306 and H. Res. 304, the Armenian Genocide Resolution. He has been a consistent participant at annual Armenian Genocide Observances on Capitol Hill and joined the Armenian American community in celebrating the 20th anniversary of the independence of Armenia.

Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI-1)
– ANCA Rating: B+



Rep. Ryan has represented the Armenian American community of Racine since 1999, and continues to be a strong advocate for passage of the Armenian Genocide Resolution, including cosponsorship of H. Res. 304 in the current Congress. He is currently the Republican vice presidential nominee.

Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ-6)
– ANCA Rating: A+



As founder and Democratic Co-Chair of the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues, Rep. Pallone has been a long-time champion of the Armenian American community on Capitol Hill. He has been a consistent cosponsor of Armenian Genocide legislation and, more recently, efforts to secure Turkey's return of Christian properties to their rightful owners. Working with his colleagues, he has initiated calls for expanded U.S. assistance to Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh. He has been a perennial participant at Armenian American community events, including the Armenian Genocide Observance at Times Square.

Rep. Ed Markey (D-MA-5)
– ANCA Rating: A



As the Ranking Member on the House Natural Resources Committee, Rep. Markey played a pivotal role in blocking the passage of H. R. 2362, the Indian Tribal Trade and Investment Demonstration Project Act, which would have granted Turkey special advantages in conducting business with Native American tribes. Rep. Markey is a perennial cosponsor of Armenian

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Listing of Armenian National Committee of America Congressional Grades for the 112th Congress

** Ordered by State, then by Senate and Congressional District

** Names are listed as follows: District, Name, (Party), ANCA Grade

- Alabama
- Sen. Jeff Sessions (R) C
- Sen. Richard Shelby (R) C
- 1 Jo Bonner (R) C-
- 2 Martha Roby (R) C-
- 3 Michael Rogers (R) C-
- 4 Robert Aderholt (R) D+
- 5 Mo Brooks (R) C-
- 6 Spencer Bachus (R) D+
- 7 Terri Sewell (D) C+
- Alaska
- Sen. Mark Begich (D) C
- Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R) C
- Al Don Young (R) F-
- American Samoa
- Al Eni Faleomavaega (D) C
- Arizona
- Sen. Jon Kyl (R) C
- Sen. John McCain (R) C-
- 1 Paul Gosar (R) D-
- 2 Trent Franks (R) C-
- 3 Ben Quayle (R) C-
- 4 Ed Pastor (D) D+
- 5 David Schweikert (R) C-
- 6 Jeff Flake (R) C
- 7 Raul Grijalva (D) A-
- 8 Ron Barber (D) C+
- Arkansas
- Sen. John Boozman (R) C
- Sen. Mark Pryor (D) C
- 1 Rick Crawford (R) C-
- 2 Tim Griffin (R) C
- 3 Steve Womack (R) C-
- 4 Mike Ross (D) D+
- California
- Sen. Barbara Boxer (D) A+
- Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D) A+
- 1 Mike Thompson (D) B-
- 2 Wally Herger (R) D+
- 3 Dan Lungren (R) A-
- 4 Tom McClintock (R) D-
- 5 Doris Matsui (D) B-
- 6 Lynn Woolsey (D) A-
- 7 George Miller (D) C+
- 8 Nancy Pelosi (D) B-
- 9 Barbara Lee (D) B+
- 10 John Garamendi (D) D-
- 11 Jerry McNerney (D) C-
- 12 Jackie Speier (D) A+
- 13 Pete Stark (D) B+
- 14 Anna Eshoo (D) A+
- 15 Michael Honda (D) B-
- 16 Zoe Lofgren (D) B+
- 17 Sam Farr (D) C+
- 19 Jeff Denham (R) A
- 20 Jim Costa (D) A+
- 21 Devin Nunes (R) A
- 22 Kevin McCarthy (R) B-
- 23 Lois Capps (D) B+
- 24 Elton Gallegly (R) A
- 25 Buck McKeon (R) C
- 26 David Dreier (R) B

- 27 Brad Sherman (D) A+
- 28 Howard Berman (D) A+
- 29 Adam Schiff (D) A+
- 30 Henry Waxman (D) A
- 31 Xavier Becerra (D) C+
- 32 Judy Chu (D) A
- 33 Karen Bass (D) B
- 34 Lucille Roybal-Allard (D) B+
- 35 Maxine Waters (D) C
- 36 Janice Hahn (D) A
- 37 Laura Richardson (D) B+
- 38 Grace Napolitano (D) A+
- 39 Linda Sanchez (D) A
- 40 Edward Royce (R) A+
- 41 Jerry Lewis (R) C-
- 42 Gary Miller (R) C+
- 43 Joe Baca (D) A+
- 44 Ken Calvert (R) B+
- 45 Mary Bono Mack (R) C-
- 46 Dana Rohrabacher (R) C
- 47 Loretta Sanchez (D) A
- 48 John Campbell (R) C+
- 49 Darrell Issa (R) C-
- 50 Brian Bilbray (R) D+
- 51 Bob Filner (D) B+
- 52 Duncan Hunter (R) C-
- 53 Susan Davis (D) B-
- Colorado
- Sen. Michael Bennet (D) B
- Sen. Mark Udall (D) C+
- 1 Diana DeGette (D) B
- 2 Jared Polis (D) B-
- 3 Scott Tipton (R) F
- 4 Cory Gardner (R) A-
- 5 Douglas Lamborn (R) A-
- 6 Mike Coffman (R) B-
- 7 Edwin Perlmutter (D) B
- Connecticut
- Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D) C+
- Sen. Joseph Lieberman (I) B+
- 1 John Larson (D) B-
- 2 Joe Courtney (D) B
- 3 Rosa DeLauro (D) B+
- 4 Jim Himes (D) B
- 5 Chris Murphy (D) B
- Delaware
- Sen. Thomas Carper (D) C
- Sen. Chris Coons (D) C+
- Al John Carney (D) C+
- District Of Columbia
- Al Eleanor Holmes Norton (D) C
- Florida
- Sen. Bill Nelson (D) C
- Sen. Marco Rubio (R) C
- 1 Jeff Miller (R) C+
- 2 Steve Southerland (R) C-
- 3 Corrine Brown (D) C
- 4 Ander Crenshaw (R) C-
- 5 Richard Nugent (R) C+
- 6 Cliff Stearns (R) D+
- 7 John Mica (R) C-
- 8 Daniel Webster (R) C-
- 9 Gus Bilirakis (R) A+
- 10 Bill Young (R) C+
- 11 Kathy Castor (D) C+
- 12 Dennis Ross (R) C
- 13 Vernon Buchanan (R) C-
- 14 Connie Mack (R) C+
- 15 Bill Posey (R) C-
- 16 Tom Rooney (R) C+
- 17 Frederica Wilson (D) B
- 18 Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R) C+
- 19 Ted Deutch (D) B-
- 20 Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D) C+
- 21 Mario Diaz-Balart (R) B-
- 22 Allen West (R) C+

- 23 Alcee Hastings (D) F-
- 24 Sandy Adams (R) C+
- 25 David Rivera (R) B+
- Georgia
- Sen. Saxby Chambliss (R) C
- Sen. Johnny Isakson (R) C
- 1 Jack Kingston (R) C-
- 2 Sanford Bishop (D) C-
- 3 Lynn Westmoreland (R) C+
- 4 Hank Johnson (D) C
- 5 John Lewis (D) C+
- 6 Tom Price (R) D+
- 7 Rob Woodall (R) C+
- 8 Austin Scott (R) D+
- 9 Tom Graves (R) C+
- 10 Paul Broun (R) D-
- 11 Phil Gingrey (R) C
- 12 John Barrow (D) C+
- 13 David Scott (D) C
- Guam
- Al Madeleine Bordallo (D) D+
- Hawaii
- Sen. Daniel Akaka (D) C
- Sen. Daniel Inouye (D) C
- 1 Colleen Hanabusa (D) D-
- 2 Mazie Hirono (D) C
- Idaho
- Sen. Mike Crapo (R) C
- Sen. Jim Risch (R) B-
- 1 Raul Labrador (R) B-
- 2 Mike Simpson (R) D+
- Illinois
- Sen. Richard Durbin (D) B-
- Sen. Mark Kirk (R) A+
- 1 Bobby Rush (D) C+
- 2 Jesse Jackson (D) A-
- 3 Daniel Lipinski (D) A-
- 4 Luis Gutierrez (D) C+
- 5 Mike Quigley (D) C
- 6 Peter Roskam (R) C
- 7 Danny Davis (D) B
- 8 Joe Walsh (R) C+
- 9 Janice Schakowsky (D) B+
- 10 Robert Dold (R) A+
- 11 Adam Kinzinger (R) D+
- 12 Jerry Costello (D) A-
- 13 Judy Biggert (R) C-
- 14 Randy Hultgren (R) D-
- 15 Timothy Johnson (R) C-
- 16 Donald Manzullo (R) B-
- 17 Robert Schilling (R) D+
- 18 Aaron Schock (R) C-
- 19 John Shimkus (R) C
- Indiana
- Sen. Dan Coats (R) C
- Sen. Richard Lugar (R) C
- 1 Peter Visclosky (D) B+
- 2 Joe Donnelly (D) C+
- 3 Marlin Stutzman (R) D+
- 4 Todd Rokita (R) C-
- 5 Dan Burton (R) C-
- 6 Mike Pence (R) C
- 7 Andre Carson (D) C
- 8 Larry Bucshon (R) D+
- 9 Todd Young (R) D+
- Iowa
- Sen. Charles Grassley (R) C
- Sen. Tom Harkin (D) C
- 1 Bruce Braley (D) A+
- 2 David Loebsack (D) C+
- 3 Leonard Boswell (D) C+
- 4 Tom Latham (R) C-
- 5 Steve King (R) C-

- Kansas
- Sen. Jerry Moran (R) C
- Sen. Pat Roberts (R) C
- 1 Tim Huelskamp (R) C+
- 2 Lynn Jenkins (R) C-
- 3 Kevin Yoder (R) D+
- 4 Michael Pompeo (R) C-
- Kentucky
- Sen. Mitch McConnell (R) C
- Sen. Rand Paul (R) C
- 1 Edward Whitfield (R) F-
- 2 Brett Guthrie (R) D+
- 3 John Yarmuth (D) C+
- 5 Harold Rogers (R) C
- 6 Ben Chandler (D) C+
- Louisiana
- Sen. Mary Landrieu (D) C
- Sen. David Vitter (R) C
- 1 Steve Scalise (R) D+
- 2 Cedric Richmond (D) C+
- 3 Jeffrey Landry (R) D-
- 4 John Fleming (R) D-
- 5 Rodney Alexander (R) D-
- 6 Bill Cassidy (R) D+
- 7 Charles Boustany (R) D+
- Maine
- Sen. Susan Collins (R) C
- Sen. Olympia Snowe (R) B-
- 1 Chellie Pingree (D) B-
- 2 Michael Michaud (D) B-
- Maryland
- Sen. Benjamin Cardin (D) A
- Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D) C+
- 1 Andy Harris (R) D-
- 2 C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger (D) D+
- 3 John Sarbanes (D) A+
- 4 Donna Edwards (D) D+
- 5 Steny Hoyer (D) A-
- 6 Roscoe Bartlett (R) D-
- 7 Elijah Cummings (D) C+
- 8 Christopher Van Hollen (D) A-
- Massachusetts
- Sen. Scott Brown (R) A
- Sen. John Kerry (D) B-
- 1 John Olver (D) A-
- 2 Richard Neal (D) B
- 3 James McGovern (D) A+
- 4 Barney Frank (D) A
- 5 Niki Tsongas (D) A
- 6 John Tierney (D) B+
- 7 Edward Markey (D) A
- 8 Michael Capuano (D) A-
- 9 Stephen Lynch (D) B+
- 10 William Keating (D) B
- Michigan
- Sen. Carl Levin (D) A
- Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D) B
- 1 Daniel Benishek (R) D-
- 2 Bill Huizenga (R) C-
- 3 Justin Amash (R) C+
- 4 Dave Camp (R) C
- 5 Dale Kildee (D) B
- 6 Fred Upton (R) B-
- 7 Tim Walberg (R) C-
- 8 Mike Rogers (R) C
- 9 Gary Peters (D) A
- 10 Candice Miller (R) C
- 12 Sander Levin (D) B+
- 13 Hansen Clarke (D) B-
- 14 John Conyers (D) B
- 15 John Dingell (D) B-
- Minnesota

- Sen. Al Franken (D) B-
- Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D) B
- 1 Timothy Walz (D) B+
- 2 John Kline (R) C-
- 3 Erik Paulsen (R) C-
- 4 Betty McCollum (D) B
- 5 Keith Maurice Ellison (D) C-
- 6 Michele Bachmann (R) C
- 7 Collin Peterson (D) B+
- 8 Chip Cravaack (R) C-
- Mississippi
- Sen. Thad Cochran (R) C
- Sen. Roger Wicker (R) C
- 1 Alan Nunnelee (R) C-
- 2 Bennie Thompson (D) C
- 3 Gregg Harper (R) C-
- 4 Steven Palazzo (R) C+
- Missouri
- Sen. Roy Blunt (R) C
- Sen. Claire McCaskill (D) C
- 1 William Clay (D) C+
- 2 W. Todd Akin (R) C-
- 3 Russ Carnahan (D) C
- 4 Vicky Hartzler (R) C-
- 5 Emanuel Cleaver (D) C+
- 6 Sam Graves (R) C
- 7 Billy Long (R) C-
- 8 Jo Ann Emerson (R) C-
- 9 Blaine Luetkemeyer (R) C-
- Montana
- Sen. Max Baucus (D) C
- Sen. Jon Tester (D) C
- Al Dennis Rehberg (R) D
- Nebraska
- Sen. Mike Johanns (R) C
- Sen. Ben Nelson (D) C
- 1 Jeff Fortenberry (R) B-
- 2 Lee Terry (R) D+
- 3 Adrian Smith (R) C-
- Nevada
- Sen. Dean Heller (R) B
- Sen. Harry Reid (D) A+
- 1 Shelley Berkley (D) A+
- 2 Mark Amodei (R) F
- 3 Joe Heck (R) C-
- New Hampshire
- Sen. Kelly Ayotte (R) C
- Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D) C+
- 1 Frank Guinta (R) D+
- 2 Charles Bass (R) C-
- New Jersey
- Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D) A
- Sen. Robert Menendez (D) A+
- 1 Robert Andrews (D) B
- 2 Frank LoBiondo (R) B+
- 3 Jon Runyan (R) D-
- 4 Christopher Smith (R) A
- 5 Scott Garrett (R) A
- 6 Frank Pallone (D) A+
- 7 Leonard Lance (R) D+
- 8 William Pascrell (D) B-
- 9 Steven Rothman (D) A+
- 11 Rodney Frelinghuysen (R) B-
- 12 Rush Holt (D) A
- 13 Albio Sires (D) B+
- New Mexico
- Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D) C
- Sen. Tom Udall (D) C
- 1 Martin Heinrich (D) B-
- 2 Steve Pearce (R) D+
- 3 Ben Ray Lujan (D) D-

New York

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D) C
Sen. Charles Schumer (D) A
1 Tim Bishop (D) C+
2 Steve Israel (D) A-
3 Peter King (R) C+
4 Carolyn McCarthy (D) A-
5 Gary Ackerman (D) A+
6 Gregory Meeks (D) C-
7 Joseph Crowley (D) A+
8 Jerrold Nadler (D) B
9 Bob Turner (R) A-
10 Edolphus Towns (D) F-
11 Yvette Clarke (D) C
12 Nydia Velazquez (D) C+
13 Michael Grimm (R) A
14 Carolyn Maloney (D) A+
15 Charles Rangel (D) B+
16 Jose Serrano (D) C+
17 Eliot Engel (D) A+
18 Nita Lowey (D) A-
19 Nan Hayworth (R) C-
20 Chris Gibson (R) C-
21 Paul Tonko (D) C+
22 Maurice Hinchey (D) B
23 Bill Owens (D) C-
24 Richard Hanna (R) D+
25 Ann Marie Buerkle (R) B-
26 Kathy Hochul (D) D+
27 Brian Higgins (D) B-
28 Louise Slaughter (D) C
29 Tom Reed (R) C-

North Carolina

Sen. Richard Burr (R) C
Sen. Kay Hagan (D) C
1 G.K. Butterfield (D) C
2 Renee Ellmers (R) C-
3 Walter Jones (R) C-
4 David Price (D) C+
5 Virginia Foxx (R) F-
6 Howard Coble (R) D-
7 Mike McIntyre (D) C+
8 Larry Kissell (D) C-
9 Sue Myrick (R) F-
10 Patrick McHenry (R) C-
11 Heath Shuler (D) C-
12 Melvin Watt (D) C
13 Brad Miller (D) C

North Dakota

Sen. Kent Conrad (D) C
Sen. John Hoeven (R) C
Al Rick Berg (R) D+

Northern Marianas

Al Gregorio Sablan (I) D-

Ohio

Sen. Sherrod Brown (D) C
Sen. Rob Portman (R) C
1 Steve Chabot (R) C
2 Jean Schmidt (R) F
3 Michael Turner (R) D+
4 James Jordan (R) C+
5 Robert Latta (R) D+
6 Bill Johnson (R) D+
7 Steve Austria (R) C
8 John Boehner (R) B-
9 Marcy Kaptur (D) B
10 Dennis Kucinich (D) C+
11 Marcia Fudge (D) C-
12 Patrick Tiberi (R) C+
13 Betty Sue Sutton (D) B-
14 Steven LaTourette (R) B
15 Steve Stivers (R) F-
16 James Renacci (R) C-
17 Tim Ryan (D) C
18 Bob Gibbs (R) C-

Oklahoma

Sen. Thomas Coburn (R) C
Sen. James Inhofe (R) C
1 John Sullivan (R) D+
2 Dan Boren (D) F-

3 Frank Lucas (R) C-
4 Tom Cole (R) F-
5 James Lankford (R) C-

Oregon

Sen. Jeff Merkley (D) C
Sen. Ron Wyden (D) C
1 Suzanne Bonamici (D) C-
2 Greg Walden (R) D+
3 Earl Blumenauer (D) C
4 Peter DeFazio (D) B+
5 Kurt Schrader (D) C

Pennsylvania

Sen. Robert Casey (D) C
Sen. Patrick Toomey (R) C
1 Robert Brady (D) B-
2 Chaka Fattah (D) B+
3 Mike Kelly (R) B-
4 Jason Altmire (D) C+
5 Glenn Thompson (R) F
6 Jim Gerlach (R) C-
7 Patrick Meehan (R) B
8 Michael Fitzpatrick (R) C-
9 Bill Shuster (R) F-
10 Tom Marino (R) C+
11 Louis Barletta (R) C-
12 Mark Critz (D) C+
13 Allyson Schwartz (D) B+
14 Mike Doyle (D) C
15 Charles Dent (R) C
16 Joseph Pitts (R) D
17 Tim Holden (D) F
18 Timothy Murphy (R) C
19 Todd Russell Platts (R) D-

Puerto Rico

Al Pedro Pierluisi (D) D-

Rhode Island

Sen. Jack Reed (D) A+
Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D)

A
1 David Cicilline (D) A+
2 James Langevin (D) A+

South Carolina

Sen. James Demint (R) C
Sen. Lindsey Graham (R) C
1 Tim Scott (R) C-
2 Joe Wilson (R) C
3 Jeff Duncan (R) C
4 Trey Gowdy (R) C-
5 John Michael "Mick" Mulvaney (R) D+
6 James Clyburn (D) C-

South Dakota

Sen. Tim Johnson (D) C
Sen. John Thune (R) C
Al Kristi Lynn Noem (R) F

Tennessee

Sen. Lamar Alexander (R) C
Sen. Robert Corker (R) C
1 Phil Roe (R) C-
2 John Duncan (R) B+
3 Charles Fleischmann (R) C
4 Scott Eugene DesJarlais (R) C-
5 Jim Cooper (D) C+
6 Diane Lynn Black (R) C-
7 Marsha Blackburn (R) D+
8 Steve Fincher (R) C-
9 Stephen Ira Cohen (D) F-

Texas

Sen. John Cornyn (R) C
Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R)

2 Ted Poe (R) C+
3 Sam Johnson (R) C-
4 Ralph Hall (R) D+
5 Jeb Hensarling (R) D+
6 Joe Barton (R) D-
7 John Abney Culberson (R) D+
8 Kevin Brady (R) C-
9 Al Green (D) C+
10 Michael McCaul (R) C
11 Mike Conaway (R) D-
12 Kay Granger (R) C+
13 William Thornberry (R) C-
14 Ron Paul (R) F-
15 Ruben Hinojosa (D) C
16 Silvestre Reyes (D) D-
17 William Flores (R) D-
18 Sheila Jackson Lee (D) C
19 Randy Neugebauer (R) C-
20 Charlie Gonzalez (D) B-
21 Lamar Smith (R) C-
22 Pete Olson (R) D+
23 Francisco Canseco (R) D+
24 Kenny Marchant (R) C
25 Lloyd Doggett (D) B-
26 Michael Burgess (R) C-
27 Randolph Blake Farenthold (R) C-
28 Henry Cuellar (D) D+
29 Gene Green (D) C
30 Eddie Bernice Johnson (D) F-
31 John Carter (R) C
32 Pete Sessions (R) F-

Utah

Sen. Orrin Hatch (R) C
Sen. Mike Lee (R) C
1 Rob Bishop (R) D+
2 Jim Matheson (D) C-
3 Jason Chaffetz (R) C-

Vermont

Sen. Patrick Leahy (D) B-
Sen. Bernard Sanders (I) A+
Al Peter Welch (D) B-

Virgin Islands

Al Donna Christian-Christensen (D) C-

Virginia

Sen. Mark Warner (D) C+
Sen. James Webb (D) C
1 Robert Wittman (R) F-
2 Scott Rigell (R) C-
3 Robert Scott (D) C+
4 Randy Forbes (R) B
5 Robert Hurt (R) C-
6 Robert Goodlatte (R) C-
7 Eric Cantor (R) A
8 James Moran (D) F-
9 Morgan Griffith (R) C-
10 Frank Wolf (R) A
11 Gerald Connolly (D) F-

Washington

Sen. Maria Cantwell (D) C
Sen. Patty Murray (D) C
2 Rick Larsen (D) C
3 Jaime Herrera (R) C-
4 Doc Hastings (R) D-
5 Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R) C-
6 Norman Dicks (D) C-
7 Jim McDermott (D) C+
8 Dave Reichert (R) C-
9 Adam Smith (D) C

West Virginia

Sen. Joe Manchin (D) C+
Sen. John Rockefeller (D) C
1 David McKinley (R) C-
2 Shelley Moore Capito (R) D-

3 Nick Rahall (D) D-

Wisconsin

Sen. Ron Johnson (R) C
Sen. Herb Kohl (D) C
1 Paul Ryan (R) B+
2 Tammy Baldwin (D) C+
3 Ron Kind (D) C+
4 Gwen Moore (D) C+

5 James Sensenbrenner (R) C+
6 Tom Petri (R) D+
7 Sean Duffy (R) C-
8 Reid Ribble (R) C-

Wyoming

Sen. John Barrasso (R) C
Sen. Mike Enzi (R) C
Al Cynthia Lummis (R) D+

Spotlight on Rhode Island State and Local Elections

The following State and local candidates have distinguished themselves on issues of importance to the Rhode Island Armenian community. These candidates have demonstrated continued support for Armenian Genocide recognition and the right to self-determination of Nagorno-Karabagh. They have attended a range of community events including the annual commemoration at the Martyrs' Monument and our flag raising programs, as well as interacting with our community at the ANC-RI's "Meet the Candidates" picnic.

Rhode Island State Senate



Dominick J Ruggerio



Leonidas P Raptakis

Dominick J Ruggerio D-RI-4
Paul V Jabour D-RI-5
M. Teresa Paiva-Weed D-RI-13
Daniel A DaPonte D-RI-14
Frank S Lombardi D-RI-26
Hanna M Gallo D-RI-27
Aram G Garabedian I-RI-27
Leonidas P Raptakis D-RI-33

Rhode Island State House

Gordon D Fox D-RI-4
John J Lombardi D-RI-8
Nicholas A Mattiello D-RI-15
Joseph M McNamara D-RI-19
David A Bennet D-RI-20
Brian Patrick Kennedy D-RI-38
Arthur J Corvese D-RI-55
Katherine S Kazarian D-RI-63
Helio Melo D-RI-66

Rhode Island Mayoral Endorsements



Allan Fung

Allan Fung R-Cranston
Charles A Lombardi D-North Providence
Scott Avedisian R-Warwick

Rhode Island Local Endorsements

Andrea Iannazzi - D-Cranston School Committee