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**RE: Obama Administration supporters  
of the Armenian Genocide Resolution**

President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, and other leading Obama-Biden Administration officials all have strong track records of seeking U.S. recognition of the Armenian Genocide and of supporting the adoption of the Armenian Genocide Resolution.

The attached one-page review of their support is drawn from the Armenian Genocide Resolution briefing book. This 25-page document outlines 7 areas of broad support for this legislation and responds to the 12 most common myths about this long overdue genocide prevention measure.

To view the Armenian Genocide Resolution briefing book, visit:  
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# Broad-based Support for the Armenian Genocide Resolution

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## Obama Administration Support

**President Obama** has pledged to recognize the Armenian Genocide and has spoken strongly in support of passage of the Armenian Genocide Resolution.

- "The Armenian Genocide is not an allegation, a personal opinion, or a point of view, but rather a widely documented fact supported by an overwhelming body of historical evidence. The facts are undeniable."
- "America deserves a leader who speaks truthfully about the Armenian Genocide and responds forcefully to all genocides. I intend to be that President."
- "As a senator, I strongly support passage of the Armenian Genocide Resolution (H.Res.106 and S.Res.106), and as President I will recognize the Armenian Genocide."

**Vice President Biden:** "Recognition by the U.S. of the Armenian Genocide is not the final goal. The real goal is the recognition of Turkey - of the Turkish Government - of the Armenian Genocide and the establishment of a common Turkish-Armenian understanding of the events and tragedy that took place."

**Secretary of State Clinton:** "I believe the horrible events perpetrated by the Ottoman Empire against Armenians constitute a clear case of genocide... Our common morality and our nation's credibility as a voice for human rights challenge us to ensure that the Armenian Genocide be recognized and remembered by the Congress and the President of the United States."

Other senior officials with records of Armenian Genocide recognition are Cabinet Secretaries Ken Salazar, Hilda Solis, and Ray LaHood, and CIA Director Leon Panetta.