



Armenian National Committee of America

## ARMENIAN ISSUES CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Candidate \_\_\_\_\_

Party \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

Below are questions on legislative issues of special concern to Armenian American voters. Please complete and sign this questionnaire and fax it to the Armenian National Committee of America at **(202) 775-5648**. Your responses will be widely publicized in the Armenian American community through the internet, newspapers, direct mail, broadcast fax, and at public events.

### THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

The systematic massacre of 1.5 million Armenians between 1915-1923 was the first genocide of the 20th Century. Despite the overwhelming evidence, Turkey denies this crime against humanity.

**1) Do you support Congressional initiatives and resolutions to commemorate the Armenian Genocide?**

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### U.S. SUPPORT FOR ARMENIA AND NAGORNO KARABAGH

The Congress has strengthened Armenia's independence by promoting trade, investment, economic development, and democracy, and by helping the people of Armenia and Nagorno Karabagh overcome the impact of the Turkish and Azerbaijani blockades.

**2) Do you support U.S. aid and other bilateral programs to strengthen Armenia's independence?**

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**3) Do you support continued U.S. developmental and humanitarian assistance to Nagorno Karabagh?**

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### U.S. - ARMENIA ECONOMIC RELATIONS

Over the past five years, U.S.-Armenia trade levels have nearly doubled, creating new export, investment and commercial partnership opportunities for U.S. firms.

**4) Do you support expanding the U.S.-Armenia economic relations, including extending permanent normal trade relations for Armenia and negotiating a Social Security Agreement and Tax Treaty?**

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**SELF-DETERMINATION FOR NAGORNO KARABAGH**

In 1923 Stalin arbitrarily carved Nagorno Karabagh out of Armenia and placed it under Soviet Azerbaijani rule, setting the stage for seven decades of Soviet oppression, followed, after 1988, by Azerbaijani aggression aimed at ethnically-cleansing this historically Armenian territory.

**5) Do you support Nagorno Karabagh's right to self-determination within secure borders?**

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**CONDITIONS ON U.S. AID TO AZERBAIJAN**

The Congress, in 1992, adopted Section 907 of the Freedom Support Act, placing restrictions on U.S. aid to Azerbaijan until it has lifted its blockades against Armenia and Nagorno Karabagh. In 2001 Congress reaffirmed Section 907, but granted the President limited authority to waive this law.

**6) Do you support maintaining Section 907 as a statement of U.S. opposition to Azerbaijan's blockades?**

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**THE TURKISH BLOCKADE OF ARMENIA**

In 1996 the Congress enacted the Humanitarian Aid Corridor Act (HACA) in response to Turkey's policy of blocking U.S. humanitarian aid to the needy people of Armenia.

**7) Do you support legislative and other means to encourage Turkey to end its blockade of Armenia?**

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**8) Do you support linking U.S. arms sales/transfers to Turkey to its blockade of Armenia, occupation of Cyprus, mistreatment of Kurds, restrictions on Christian communities, and human rights record?**

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**U.S. SUBSIDY OF BAKU-CEYHAN PIPELINE BYPASS**

U.S. taxpayers are being asked to subsidize the added costs for this pipeline due to Turkish and Azerbaijani demands that the pipeline route circumvent Armenia.

**9) Do you oppose U.S. taxpayer subsidies for a Baku-Ceyhan pipeline route that avoids Armenia?**

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