



ASSEMBLY OF TURKISH AMERICAN ASSOCIATIONS

March 11, 2010

Re: H.Res. 252

Dear Representative :

Thank you for voting “No” on H.Res. 252 last Thursday, March 4, 2010.

Though the motion narrowly passed, 23-22, after a controversial hours-long extension of the voting period, we believe that the vote presages better times ahead. One can conclude that Congress’ appetite for condemning its reliable ally, Turkey, of the high crime of genocide over disputed events that occurred nearly 100 years ago in an empire that no longer exists is waning.

Particularly at a time when the United States is restoring its credibility in the world, your principled “No” vote helped send an important message in support of the model partnership that the United States and Turkey enjoy.

Your vote also helped send the message that America would prefer to provide fair and just treatment to the accused, rather than adjudge them guilty in a legislative body that is prey to local ethnic grievances.

And, your strong “No” vote signaled that America supports Turkish – Armenian bilateral rapprochement, a delicate process which Congress should support, not disrupt.

Kind regards,

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