

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

October 18, 2007

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives  
H-232 , The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Steny Hoyer  
Majority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives  
H-107, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader Hoyer,

We respectfully request that you refrain from bringing H.Res. 106, the Affirmation of the United States Record on the Armenian Genocide Resolution, to the House floor during the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress. Irrespective of how Members feel about the substance of the resolution, now is not the time for Congress to address the Turkish-Armenian relationship on the House floor and put our troops in further danger.

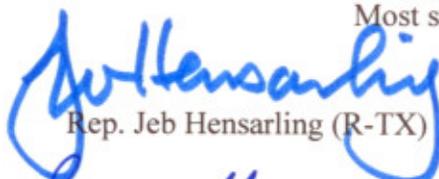
As you know, the Government of Turkey has recalled its ambassador to the United States for further consultation on this resolution, and the people of Turkey continue to express outrage at what they regard as the United States unnecessarily interfering in Turkey's sensitive historical debates.

In a recent poll by Terror Free Tomorrow, in conjunction with the ARI Movement of Turkey, nearly four-fifths of Turks said that they oppose the resolution, and three-quarters felt that its passage would worsen their opinion of the United States, even amongst those Turks who currently hold a favorable view of the United States. Furthermore, about four-fifths of Turks said that floor passage of the resolution should yield a strong reaction from Turkey, including the suspension of diplomatic relations, the boycotting of American products, and the termination of Turkish assistance in Iraq (not to mention the end of its military restraint in Kurd-held areas of Iraq from which cross-border attacks have been launched into Turkey).

Turkey, the only Muslim nation to officially align itself with the United States in NATO, is a significant cargo hub for U.S. and allied forces in Iraq and Afghanistan. Turkey allows key U.S. military fly-overs, without which our troops would be at significant risk of attack on the ground in northern Iraq. Additionally, Turkey is one of the few Muslim countries with a genuinely close relationship with Israel. In other words, Turkey has been a vital partner and geostrategic ally in a volatile region of the world. We should not put this relationship at additional risk.

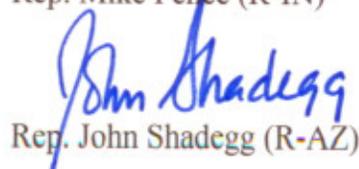
The passage of the resolution in the House Foreign Affairs Committee has already damaged U.S. relations with the Government and the people of Turkey. Bringing this resolution to the House floor now would further set back the goal it purports to achieve—Turkey's reconciliation with Armenia—while permanently straining the critical U.S.-Turkey relationship and putting our troops more in harm's way. No House resolution is worth this outcome. Please do not bring H.Res. 106 or any similar resolution to the House floor.

Most sincerely,

  
Rep. Jeb Hensarling (R-TX)

  
Rep. Mike Pence (R-IN)

  
Rep. Sue Myrick (R-NC)

  
Rep. John Shadegg (R-AZ)