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**SUPPORT AND FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER FOR HOUSE RESOLUTION 1165**

House Resolution 1165 is a bi-partisan resolution introduced by Congresswoman Jackie Speier (California-14<sup>th</sup> District) that condemns Azerbaijan's deadly and unprovoked military operation in Nagorno-Karabakh and denounces Turkish interference in the conflict. Beginning on September 27, 2020, Azerbaijan has engaged in an unprovoked and significant military operation in the Nagorno-Karabakh region. This has been the most aggressive assertion since the signing of the cease-fire agreement between Azerbaijan and Armenia in 1994. Azerbaijan's unprovoked and ongoing military offensive has included attacks on civilian and residential structures, including the shelling of Stepanakert, Nagorno-Karabakh's most densely populated city with a population of over 55,200 ethnic Armenians, which has resulted in the loss of over 22 innocent civilians, including children and the elderly, and over 80 wounded, according to the Office of the Human Rights Ombudsman of Artsakh.

It is more than fitting for our county to stand in solidarity with the Armenian community and support **House Resolution** 1165. Los Angeles County is home to the largest Armenian population outside of Armenia itself; and the community within Los Angeles has taken to the streets to continue to raise awareness.

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These violent attacks on the Armenians is a deeply painful reminder of the loss of 1.5 million Armenians in the Genocide of 1915 and the continued efforts to get justice for more than a century. Los Angeles County does not stand for any level of hate, violence or injustice, and the threat to democracy, here or anywhere. The inhumane attacks by Azerbaijan, backed by Turkey, cannot go unrecognized and must be denounced.

**WE, THEREFORE MOVE**, that the Board of Supervisors send a five-signature letter in support of House Resolution 1165 and thank Congresswoman Speier for her efforts with copies to our Washington delegation.

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