

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

December 14, 2018

His Excellency Nikol Pashinyan  
Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia  
Yerevan

Dear Prime Minister Pashinyan:

As members of the United States Congress and the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues, we write to offer our congratulations on Armenia's historic elections that took place on December 9.

Since April of last year, the Republic of Armenia has seen a remarkable change in its government through peaceful and democratic means. This change was motivated by the Armenian people strongly expressing their desire for an open democracy. Sunday's election was another resounding victory for advocates of a free and fair electoral process and ongoing democratic reforms. As the political transition continues, we encourage your government to maintain that momentum by advancing initiatives to further government transparency, strengthen democratic institutions, and empower civil society in Armenia.

We also wish to reassure the Armenian people that we will continue to support your nation in its steadfast pursuit of regional security and economic prosperity. We will continue to identify opportunities to aid Armenia's efforts to diversify its economy, strengthen its trade ties with countries like the United States, and continue to act as a safe haven for religious minorities fleeing persecution in the Middle East. We are proud of the strong bilateral relationship between our two countries and look forward to bolstering our historic ties and friendship.

Once again, please accept our congratulations on an election that was calm, peaceful, and free of corruption or voter intimidation. We look forward to continuing our productive and robust dialogue with your administration moving forward.

Sincerely,



FRANK PALLONE, JR.  
Member of Congress



EDWARD J. MARKEY  
United States Senator



DAVID TROTT  
Member of Congress



JACK REED  
United States Senator



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GUS M. BILIRAKIS  
Member of Congress



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SHELDON WHITEHOUSE  
United States Senator