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Dear Friends,

As you gather for the Armenian Assembly of America’s 2019 National Advocacy Conference and Gala, it is my distinct honor and gives me tremendous pride to extend a heartfelt and well-deserved congratulations to my colleague and dear friend, Congresswoman Jackie Speier. Jackie embodies and epitomizes the values we all hold so dear -- she is a fighter, a survivor and a tireless advocate for truth and justice. There is no one more deserving of being honored by the Armenian Assembly with the Deukmejian Award for Public Service.

Jackie is a legislative force on so many critical issues facing our country. The Armenian community is truly lucky to be able to call her a friend and fellow Armenian. We are so fortunate to have such an amazing ally in the House fighting every day to deepen the longstanding friendship between the United States and Armenia, properly recognize the Armenian Genocide and for every issue critical to Armenian Americans and Armenians all over the globe.

As a staunch supporter of Armenian issues, I look forward to continuing our work together to advance our shared values and serve as a shining example for others to emulate. Congratulations again.

Your friend,

Edward J. Markey
Senator Ed Markey