

IRAQI CHRISTIAN



RELIEF COUNCIL



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The Honorable Congressman/Congresswoman  
Washington, DC

Dear Congressman/Congresswoman,

We would like to take this opportunity and express our sincere appreciation on behalf of our supporters and especially, the Assyrian American community, for your continued efforts to alleviate the suffering of the persecuted Assyrian Christians and other ethno-religious minorities in Iraq.

By calling on President Obama to urge Prime Minister Al-Maliki and his government to protect the country's non-Muslim, non-Arab and non-Kurdish minorities, and continuation of political discussions for the creation of an administrative region for these minorities, will definitely resonate well with members of the Assyrian-American community. This will also give hope to those still living in Iraq of a better future ahead.

Finally, we would also like to ask you to continue supporting legislation proposed by the Senate Appropriations Committee for the State and Foreign Appropriations of 2012:

***"The Committee continues to recognize the importance of providing targeted assistance to ethno-religious minorities in Iraq to help ensure their continued survival, especially those living in the Nineveh Plains region. The Committee directs the Department of State to submit a report, not later than 60 days after enactment of this act, detailing a comprehensive U.S. Government policy to assist these communities, including assistance consistent with Article 125 of the Iraqi Constitution; assistance in building an indigenous community police force in the Nineveh Plains; and efforts to support NGOs in the region. The policy should be forward-looking, rather than a summary of previously funded projects and initiatives."***

Sincerely,

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