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August 10, 2023

Mr. Roubik Golanian
City Manager
City of Glendale

Dear Mr. Golanian:

I am writing to you regarding the ongoing humanitarian crisis in the Republic of Artsakh. As you know, since December 12, 2022, Azerbaijan has been blocking the only road connecting Artsakh with Armenia and the rest of the world. The lives of 120,000 people in Artsakh, including 30,000 children and thousands of people with disabilities, have severely worsened. Children and adult medical patients are suffering in hospitals from lack of supplies and treatment outside the Republic. People die as a result. Grocery shops, markets and gas stations are empty.

To aggravate the suffering, Aliyev's regime has cut the supply of natural gas, sabotaged and blocks the repair of high-voltage power line that provides much of Artsakh's electricity. This causes energy rationing and disruptions of communications. The situation rapidly aggravates into a humanitarian catastrophe. International legal experts confirm the fears of an imminent genocide.

The international community condemns Azerbaijan's actions and demands to lift the blockade. Nonetheless, Azerbaijan's authorities continue to disregard calls from democratic governments, and ignore the relevant Order by the International Court of Justice.

Mr. Golanian, the City of Glendale has consistently demonstrated support for democratic aspirations and economic prosperity of the Republic of Artsakh, including through the Sister City format between Glendale and Artsakh's City of Martuni.

Glendale is a home for tens of thousands of our Armenian compatriots, who care about the fate of their brothers and sisters in Artsakh. We hope that the City of Glendale will continue to demonstrate solidarity with our Republic during these trying times. Hereby, I kindly ask you and the City of Glendale to consider allocating humanitarian aid to Glendale's Sister City Martuni.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact our Office should you need any additional information.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. Avetisyan".

Robert Avetisyan
Permanent Representative

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