

Cosponsor H.R.6534 – To repeal a restriction on assistance to Azerbaijan.

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Honorable [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Member
U.S. House of Representative

Dear Representative [REDACTED]

We are writing to ask that you **cosponsor “H.R.6534 – To repeal a restriction on assistance to Azerbaijan.”** [[Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov)] If enacted, the bill will fully repeal Section 907 of the Freedom Support Act – a misguided and outdated relic of the post-Cold War era.

Section 907 was passed in 1992 as an ill-advised component of the Freedom Support Act. It was not passed in response to any wrongdoing by Azerbaijan; rather, it was pushed through Congress by Armenian diaspora lobbies during Armenia’s unprovoked military seizure and occupation of Azerbaijan’s territories following the collapse of the Soviet Union. Section 907 has been waived nearly every year since the early 2000s as Azerbaijan pledged to provide cooperation for U.S. counterterrorism efforts. Since its independence, the Republic of Azerbaijan has remained a steadfast ally to the **United States and United States allies** – remaining united in our shared values and providing critical cooperation despite the looming threat of sanctions each year.

H.R.6534 was introduced by Representative Anna Paulina Luna. To cosponsor this bill, please reach out to Legislative Director Samuel Luna @ Samuel.Luna@mail.house.gov.

We ask that you consider cosponsoring “H.R.6534” for the following reasons:

- (1) “The Republic of Azerbaijan has remained a steadfast ally to the United States and United States allies since its independence—providing critical cooperation in times of war and times of peace;”
 - a. Post-9/11, the Republic of Azerbaijan promptly opened its airways to U.S. forces operating in Afghanistan – with over half of the flights going to Afghanistan flying over Azerbaijani airspace.
 - b. Azerbaijani troops served alongside U.S. forces in Afghanistan, and Azerbaijan facilitated the Northern Distribution Network which served as a critical supply route for United States and NATO operations in Afghanistan.
 - c. Azerbaijani peacekeepers remained behind during the United States’ 2021 withdrawal from Afghanistan to ensure safe passage of United States and NATO citizens and cargo out of the Kabul International Airport.
 - d. The Republic of Azerbaijan has continuously prioritized cooperation with the United States and United States allies despite being bordered by U.S. adversaries Iran and Russia and facing constant threats for its allegiance to our shared values of democracy, counterterrorism, and equality.
- (2) “Azerbaijan has demonstrated a clear commitment to prioritizing peace in the south Caucasus;”

- a. After the second Karabakh war when Azerbaijan liberated its **internationally recognized territories** which the UN has condemned Armenia’s illegal seizure and occupation of in four Security Council Resolutions ([#822](#), [#853](#), [#874](#), [#884](#)), ethnic Armenians living in Karabakh were encouraged to stay and enjoy all rights and privileges entitled to citizens of the multicultural, tolerant Republic of Azerbaijan. There was an entire government program and web portal created to assist ethnic Armenians who decided to leave in returning and integrating back into the Karabakh region by providing orderly transit and socio-economic and humanitarian assistance. [read

b. Leading up to the August 2025 peace agreement, officials from the Republic of Azerbaijan participated in numerous discussions and negotiations with their Armenian counterparts, including the July 10 summit where Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev met in a historic milestone towards peace. [read article [online\]](#)

(3) “Azerbaijan reached a peace agreement in which the respective borders and territorial integrity of Azerbaijan and the Republic of Armenia have been agreed upon.”

a. **On August 8th, 2025, President Ilham Aliyev of Azerbaijan and Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan of Armenia signed a joint declaration of peace in the White House.** [read declaration [online\]](#)

b. Since the agreement, peace and cooperation have flourished in the South Caucasus,

i. Azerbaijan lifted curbs on cargo transit to Armenia – showing trust and cooperation in light of the established peace. [read on [Reuters.com\]](#)

ii. The Peace Bridge Initiative has held numerous meetings in Baku – with representatives from Armenian civil society visiting Azerbaijan. [read [tweet\]](#)

iii. The UK has lifted arms embargos on the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Republic of Armenia – elevating bilateral relations with both countries as efforts to secure lasting peace in the region have come to fruition. [read [online\]](#)

I am available to discuss this matter over the phone or in Washington D.C. Please let me know if you would like to further discuss this bill and a meeting can be scheduled.

Respectfully,

Ezra Friedlander

Note: The Friedlander Group LLC has filed registration statements under the Foreign Agents Registration Act with regard to its representation and dissemination of information on behalf of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Additional information is on file with the Foreign Agents Registration Unit of the Department of Justice in Washington, DC.

Meeting Request: developments in the South Caucasus

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Wed, Jan 28, 2026 at 7:11 PM



Honorable J [REDACTED]
Member
US Congress

Dear Representative [REDACTED]

Since the August 8, 2025, peace agreement between Azerbaijan and Armenia, peace and cooperation have flourished in the region:

- Azerbaijan lifted curbs on cargo transit to Armenia.
- Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan recently stated that Yerevan and Azerbaijan plan to interconnect their energy systems to allow for mutual imports and exports of electricity. Azerbaijan has already played a vital role in lessening the EU's reliance on Russian oil and gas; with these new developments, Armenia is able to continue moving away from reliance on Moscow as its energy security is strengthened.
- The UK has lifted arms embargoes on both Armenia and Azerbaijan as growing peace between the two countries has been demonstrated.
- U.S. and Armenia unveil 'TRIPP' framework to secure trade route through South Caucasus
- Recently, at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Prime Minister Pashinyan stated in conversation with President Aliyev, "*[w]hat has been achieved is a tremendous benefit to Armenia, to Azerbaijan, to the Southern Caucasus, and it sets an example of how countries on very deep, hostile terms can shift to a phase of cooperation.*"

The Embassy of Azerbaijan kindly requests a meeting to brief your office on these rapid developments in the South Caucasus.

We would like to learn about your availability on [REDACTED] or please suggest a convenient time and date, and we would be happy to schedule a meeting.

Respectfully,
Ezra Friedlander

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