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November 26, 2025

The Honorable Chris Smith
2373 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Smith,

On behalf of the National Democratic Alliance for Armenia (NDA), a pro-western pro-democracy party, we would like to request a meeting with you to connect with Ambassador Ara Papian and Dr. David Grigorian sometime between December 2-5 or 9-11 when they will be in Washington attending the International Democracy Union Forum 2025.

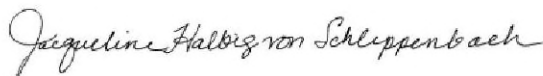
[Ambassador Papian](#) is a founding member and Board Member of NDA. [Dr. David Grigorian](#) is a former World Bank executive, a Research Fellow at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and Fellow at the Center for Global Development. The attached documents provide more information on NDA and its mission.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the persecution of Christian leaders of the Armenian Apostolic Church in Armenia by Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan. In the aftermath of the Trump-brokered peace deal, the repression of the Church, the oldest institution in the country, and Pashinyan's alliances with Russia and Turkey have damaged his ability to lead as elections approach next year.

Attached is a timeline of the attacks on the Church by Pashinyan's government - details of arrests, detainments, and sentencing of the Church's influential hierarchy including the most recent arrest of [Bishop Mkritich Poshyan, the third Bishop in the campaign of arrests of high level clergy.](#)

Thank you for your consideration of our request. We look forward to hearing from you and scheduling a meeting with your team.

Sincerely,



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