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Wexler, Skelton, Murtha and Hastings Send Letter to Armenian and Turkish Presidents Supporting Normalization of Relations

Letter Supports Armenian-Turkish Rapprochement

(Washington, DC) Today, Congressman Robert Wexler (D-FL) and three senior Members of the United States Congress sent a strong letter supporting Armenian-Turkish rapprochement to Armenian President Serzh Sargsian and Turkish President Abdullah Gul. In the letter, Congressman Wexler, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Europe in the House Committee on Foreign Affairs; Congressman Ike Skelton (D-MO), Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee; John Murtha (D-PA), Chairman of the Subcommittee on Defense in the House Committee on Appropriations; and Alcee L. Hastings (D-FL), Co-Chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (the U.S. Helsinki Commission), expressed their approval of ongoing Armenian and Turkish efforts to normalize relations.

"It is critical that the United States and international community support Armenia and Turkey during their ongoing efforts to normalize relations and create positive dynamics in the Caucasus region," said Congressman Wexler. "It is in the interest of the United States and both Armenia and Turkey that differences between Yerevan and Ankara are overcome and that a solid foundation is laid to enhance cooperation and diplomatic relations between these two nations."

Congressman Robert Wexler is Chairman of the Subcommittee on Europe and a senior member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the House Judiciary Committee. Recently, Congressman Wexler served as an advisor on Middle East issues to President Barack Obama during his 2008 presidential campaign.