

PRESS RELEASE

A Demand for Action Unites with Armenian National Committee of America

Washington, D.C., November 2014—Since our inception, [A Demand for Action](#) has quickly become the voice of Assyrian (also called Chaldean and Syriac) political aspirations not only in Washington, D.C., but around the globe. Given our commitment to inclusivity and unity, we are pleased to come together in solidarity with our siblings in the Armenian community.

Our Executive Director, Steve Oshana, and the Executive Director of the [Armenian National Committee of America](#) (ANCA), Aram Hamparian, met recently in D.C., to discuss our communities' shared goals, which include achieving safety and security for both the Assyrian and Armenian people in their homelands and attaining legitimate recognition from the U.S. government of both Seyfo, or the Assyrian Genocide, and the Armenian Genocide, which co-occurred in the early twentieth century.

In meeting, Mr. Oshana and Mr. Hamparian were able to discuss new avenues of practical cooperation based upon the enduring friendship, common values, and shared interests that exist between [#Armenians](#) and [#Assyrians](#) (also called [#Chaldean](#) and [#Syriac](#)). Among the major policy priorities addressed were the dire need for U.S. support in training and equipping an Assyrian security force and, more broadly, a long-term regional solution in the form of a Safe Haven in the Nineveh Plains. Leadership also discussed efforts to deliver humanitarian aid to and ensure security for the displaced Christian communities living in Iraq and Syria.

Finally, Mr. Oshana and Mr. Hamparian discussed their support for the adoption of H.R.4347, the Turkey Christian Churches Accountability Act, and their respective organizations' ongoing efforts to help bring about truthful and just resolutions to both the Armenian Genocide and Seyfo.

In the spirit of solidarity forged by the democratic aspirations of the [#Armenian](#) and [#Assyrian](#) nations, the ANCA and ADFA are committed to taking the steps necessary to facilitate cooperation between their communities at all levels of American civic life.