

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2003

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Mr Kevin Johnson
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

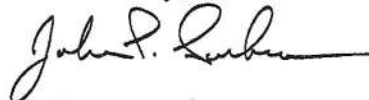
Thank you for contacting me to express your support for H.R. 390, the Iraq and Syria Genocide Emergency Relief and Accountability Act. I appreciate having the benefit of your views and I welcome the opportunity to respond.

You will be pleased to know that this legislation passed the House of Representatives with my support on June 6, 2017. H.R. 390 directs the Departments of State and Justice to assist and encourage organizations and governments that are taking steps to prosecute individuals suspected of committing genocide and crimes against humanity in Iraq and Syria. This legislation has been sent to the Senate for consideration.

I strongly believe that the protection of human rights is fundamental to a society and I believe that human rights abuses by foreign governments conflict with our most basic values. It is more important than ever that the United States continue to support international efforts that promote peace, stability, and democracy in the world. While I do not serve on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, I will be sure to bear your views in mind should the full House of Representatives consider any relevant legislation.

Again, I appreciate hearing from you. Please do not hesitate to contact me in the future regarding matters of importance to you.

Sincerely,



John Sarbanes
Member of Congress