

A SAMPLE LETTER TO SEND TO YOUR FRIENDS AND OTHERS

Dear Friend [name],

I hope this email finds you well. I'm writing to share with you a deeply tragic and critical situation happening in Artsakh right now. Artsakh Armenians are under a Genocide Watch. The Republic of Nagorno Karabakh (Artsakh) is an integral part of Armenia and it has always been for centuries. Artsakh was arbitrarily carved out of Armenia in 1921 by Joseph Stalin and placed under Soviet Azerbaijani administration, but with autonomous status, as part of the Soviet divide-and-conquer strategy in the Caucasus. Nagorno Karabakh, to this day, has never been part of an independent Azerbaijani state.

On September 2, 1991, the people of Nagorno Karabakh declared independence from the Soviet Union and became the Nagorno Karabakh Republic. On December 10, 1991, Nagorno Karabakh held an independence referendum in which 82% of all voters participated and 99% voted for independence. In response, Azerbaijan launched an all-out war against the Nagorno Karabakh Republic, targeting civilians and recruiting Islamic extremist mujahideen from Afghanistan and Chechnya to join the Azerbaijani army. The most recent war was in September 2020.

The majority of Artsakh came under their control after this war that Azerbaijan started in 2020. For the past nine months, they have maintained an illegal blockade on the remaining territory of Artsakh populated and controlled by the Armenians, and in recent weeks, they have completely stopped allowing any goods and medical supplies to Artsakh creating a full-scale humanitarian crisis.

There is only one lifeline that connects Armenia with Artsakh: the Lachin corridor, and now the Azeris have completely blocked it. I'm sharing this to ask for your support and the support of your family and friends in spreading awareness and acting against this humanitarian crisis. I must report with a heavy heart that already two deaths due to hunger were reported.

I'm sending you materials for you to share and become aware of the situation. Our Armenian advocacy groups have presented various ways to contact the U.S. government and join your voices with ours in support of Artsakh. I urge you to join these efforts via the websites of the [Armenian Assembly of America](#) and the [Armenian National Committee](#). It takes only a few seconds [to submit a letter](#) to the government officials.

I thank you for your support. Please let me know if you have any questions.

With prayers,
[your name]

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