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Member of Parliament
for Scarborough-Agincourt,
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Honorable Karygiannis:

On behalf of the Kurdish National Congress of North America I would like to extend to you our heartfelt thanks for your effort to make the Halabja/Anfal atrocities against our people an act of "crime against humanity." Your effort in taking the plight of the oppressed Kurds to the Canadian Parliament is remarkable, and it is highly appreciated by our people in all parts of Kurdistan and Diaspora.

In our Kurdish culture, we have an old saying, "Kurds have no friends but the mountains." Because, during the centuries of oppression—if it were not for the hospitable sanctuary of the Kurdistan mountains that protected our people against the campaigns of annihilations of the occupiers of Kurdistan our people, would probably, had been forcefully assimilated a long time ago. However, we believe now we can say that we have, "more than the mountains." Because, we have friends like you who care about the misery of our people.

As you are well aware that Article II of the Genocide Convention defines genocide as any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial, or religious group:

- A) Killing members of the group;
- B) Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group;
- C) Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about is physical destruction in whole or in part;
- D) Imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group;
- E) Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group.

Under Saddam Hussein's regime our people were subject to all these acts. Therefore, we ask for your continuous leadership to lead the way in the Canadian Parliament to recognize the Anfal operations as acts of "genocide" against our people.

Once again, we are grateful to you for leading such a humane campaign. We hope that our people will continue to benefit from you kind generosity and support.

Sincerely yours,

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Vice President
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