A WORD OF CAUTION WHEN USING COMMERCIAL FORMS!

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I received a brief request from a good friend about a petition initiated by Ararat Centre entitled ***No to Capitulation!*** My knee-jerk reaction would have been to take the matter at face value and forward it to the recipients and readers of Keghart.com. My gray matter advised me to act otherwise, and based on experience I refused despite being in agreement with the content of the petition.

Below is the verbatim transcription of the letter submitted to you for your consideration.

Dear B.,

I would have gladly endorsed this petition if it had not used a commercial based form. Go-Petition is a commercial undertaking. Using a commercial-based form taught a very valuable lesson during the PBS campaign which garnered over 22,000 signatures. Despite assurances by the owners of the petition form that the e-mails would not have been used for other than and only for the purposes of the petition, months later people who innocently had signed the petition started receiving unsolicited spam mail with contents including pornographic and other similar material. That raises the question that e-mails are provided by commercial companies to third parties unbeknownst to the signatories and initiators of such petitions.

I wonder why Armenian organizations and individuals still use commercial-based forms. My suggestion is that this practice be discontinued. That's why, based on above experience www.keghart.com has been using its own base for all petitions and statements that request signatures following the PBS experience. See the latest related to the same issue raised in this petition that you are circulating: We Condemn the Turkish-Armenian Agreement

I think Ararat Center has the capability to use its own website. If help is required it can get in touch with the webmaster of www.keghart.com. Use of the internet for a variety of reasons is an area that various Armenian websites can and should co-operate in, to come out with the best available solutions to avoid duplications and mishaps as pointed out above. Unfortunately, websites, website initiators, and centres the like of Ararat continue to display misplaced individuality, and that's probably one of the causes of ineffective unity, or the lack of it. The Turks are far advanced in propagating their views on the internet and coordinating their efforts, not to mention monitoring and at times disrupting Armenian sites. Let's not blame others, specially *odars*, when our initiatives do not translate into the expected or anticipated results.

Good Luck

Dikran Abrahamian

Please sign this petition and forward to all your contacts. Thanks.

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: 'Ararat' Center <support@ararat-center.org>
Date: May 2, 2009 1:05 AM
Subject: Join the Petition / Miaceq kochin / Prisoedenyaytes k peticii

Join the Petition
NO TO CAPITULATION!

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