BATTLE OVER HISTORY

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Please take a moment right now to send two letters about the CBS 60 Minutes segment that was just broadcast taking Turkey to task for its denial of the Armenian Genocide.

1) Click here to send a letter telling Bob Simon that the 60 Minutes program drawing the attention of millions of viewers to Turkey's morally bankrupt genocide denial campaign will help to reinforce the American people's commitment to ending the cycle of genocide.

The letter will be as follows:
Dear...
I am writing to express my view that CBS and 60 Minutes have performed a meaningful public service by helping to further educate the American people about the Turkish government's ongoing denial of the Armenian Genocide ("Battle Over History" – Sunday, February 28th).

While I do have serious reservations, both factually and morally, about any program or article that reports on the Armenian Genocide in the inevitably flawed "Armenians Say/Turks Say" framework, I do believe that the professional journalistic scrutiny you brought to bear on Turkey's shameless cover-up of this crime has helped to raise badly needed awareness about the modern-day dangers

of genocide denial. This awareness is vital to reinforcing the resolve of both the American people and the U.S. government in the necessary and noble aim of preventing future genocides.

As you know, the legislation that you cited, H.Res.252, will, when adopted, empower our nation's diplomats with the lessons of the Armenian experience. Please consider a follow up on this matter after the measure comes for a vote before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on Thursday, March 4th.

If you disagree with above content then please compose your own.

2) Click here to send a letter asking your U.S. legislators to watch this program on-line before the Thursday, March 4th vote of the House Foreign Affairs Committee on the Armenian Genocide Resolution, H.Res.252.