NO TO DICTATORSHIP IN ARMENIA

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The #ՄերժիրՍերժին (#RejectSerge) campaign's principle is very simple: #ՄերժիրՍերժին starts

with each one of us doing #ԻմՔայլը (#MyMove). All political differences have been set aside, and the entire opposition and youth organisations are gathering at Liberty square to make their #ԻմՔայլը protest.

Diasporan Armenians of all stripes have joined the movement. We are calling every one of you to join #ՄերժիրՍերժին by doing #ԻմՔայլը. #ԻմՔայլը, named #Սփյուռքի Քայլը (#Diaspora'sMove) in the diaspora, is raising money to buy food for those who are going to the streets to protest and staying there day and night until we regain our country.

Please do not be indifferent. Be filled instead with courage and hope. You can send funds either to the contact persons mentioned below, or you can pledge the amount by writing one of us in the email address bar and we can do it on your behalf. You can contact your friends and relatives who are in the streets or are helping those in the streets and send directly to them. Just remember to mention #Սփյուռքի Քայլը. We are adding also #Կանադայի Քայլը and/or #Թորոնթոյի Քայլը. If you would like to mention your name we can also hyphenate the hashtags.

Forward this email to those in your communities and network. We do our best, we do #ԻմՔայլը. Your contribution to purchase food for the protestors for the next week starting today will be appreciated. Please follow the instructions that appear after the below video-clip.

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- You may pledge your donation by contacting Edgar Manukian edgar74am@yahoo.com or Armen Charchoglyan acharcho@uoguelph.ca or call 1-519-830-6584

- To link directly with a representative in Armenia contact Suren Papikian: call from abroad +374-95-787954 or locally in Armenia (095)787954

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Click the link https://www.civilcontract.am/Donation/Donation A page similar to the below picture will appear. Enter the required boxes. You may choose "Anonymous" but make sure to enter your name.

After completion a second page appears similar to the below picture. You need to enter the amount in Armenian currency "dram". Canadian dollar $1.00 (one) is approximately equal to 370 drams and

US $1.00 (one) to 482 drams. The rate varies from bank to bank and daily. Complete the rest of the form and click on Վճարել. Confirmation of transfer will appear.

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