

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear President Trump,

We are writing on behalf of Syriac Christian organizations based and active in US, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Turkey and Europe to share with you some important issues regarding the situation of our Syriac people in their respective countries.

In light of the Syrian Democratic Forces SDF, the International Coalition and CENTCOM declaration of territorial defeat of ISIS, we would like to present you our deep gratitude. We would like specifically mention important mission of Syriac Military Council, MFS which is part of SDF during the war against ISIS. We appreciate the support of the US and especially your administration. The assistance and coordination with the SDF forces on the ground played pivotal role to defeat ISIS and defusing danger from the population and from the rest of the world. During the war against ISIS, the multi-layered support, logistics, assistance in terms of military and strategy played a vital role to eliminate ISIS.

Dear President, as the fight against ISIS will continue in another approach and SDF forces continue to protect the Northern and Eastern part of Syria, the political process and constitutional negotiations will take lead in upcoming days. This new process is also essential for our people to find their place, their voice to be heard and their rights guaranteed in the new constitution of Syria. Syriac Christians presence in future political process and constitutional negotiations is vital. We kindly ask your support and weight in this issue in Syria to secure their presence on the table and we believe that you will continue to stand with Syrian Christians.


Dear President, as we have mentioned your courageous decision to help Christians and other minority groups in Iraq directly, we believe that it's also equally important and necessary to help directly Syriac Christian organizations without any third party interference. As a Syriac Christian humanitarian organization, Syriac Cross is present on the ground and performing activities and projects for the people in need. Your direct assistance and support concerning humanitarian, rebuilding of destroyed Christian villages and security (Police) needs will certainly help the Christians of Syria and their long-term presence and survival in the lands of their forefathers.

Dear President, as you have mentioned in your statements and declarations, Middle East region is passing an unprecedented turmoil in terms of politics, economy and societal alterations by affecting all segments of populations. Presence and survival of Christianity and Syriac people depends on the decisions of regional and international forces and the US and your administration can make real difference.

Sincerely,



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