

# Call to Action

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## BACKGROUND

The U.S. House of Representatives is considering House Resolution 259 (H.Res.259), also known as the Security Resolution for Northern Iraq. The security situation in northern Iraq, and the Nineveh Plain in particular, remains unstable and a solution is necessary in order to promote repatriation and protect returning Assyrians, Yazidis, and other vulnerable communities. However, H.Res.259 is deeply problematic and must be amended. [Click here](#) to read H.Res.259. To learn more about its problematic policy direction, [view our analysis of H.Res.259 here](#).

### *How you can help*

Call, email, and/or tweet your representatives to urge them to amend or reject H.Res.259. Please see a sample script below:

Hi, my name is [Your Name] and I am a constituent from [City, State].

I'm calling to tell [Representative's Name] that I strongly oppose H.Res.259 in its current form. Much of the language in this resolution is misguided and harmful to the interests of Assyrians and other minoritized communities in Iraq. The KRG forces must be militarily excluded from future security in the Nineveh Plain. It is widely-documented that the KRG Peshmerga abandoned Assyrians, Yazidis, and other peoples of the Nineveh Plain to ISIS. Why would [Representative's Name] support legislation that calls for a return to the pre-2014 security arrangement that created the conditions for ISIS to capture the Nineveh Plain?

*[Optional: Add anything else you wish to say here, especially about the importance of preserving the Assyrian presence in Iraq.]*

Please tell [Representative's Name] not to support H.Res.259 without changes to the language. Thank you.

[Click here to find your representative.](#)

*In addition, please contact key sponsors of this legislation:*

Representative Jeff Fortenberry  
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Representative Anna Eshoo  
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*Click here for additional co-sponsors of H.Res.259. Contact as many offices as you can to help fix this problematic legislation.*