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To my Friends and Neighbors in the Assyrian Community,

Today is a day of remembrance and reflection. On this day in 1933, forces from the then-Kingdom of Iraq began systematic assaults on Assyrian villages, killing over three thousand innocent people and displacing many more. Unfortunately, this act was tragically repeated when the Nineveh Plain was invaded by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) in 2014.

August 7th, Assyrian Remembrance Day, honors the memory of the hundreds of thousands of innocent Assyrian men, women and children who were victims of genocide and persecution because of their ethnic and religious identity. We must remember and pay tribute to their lives so their memories are cherished and their sacrifice is never forgotten. I am proud to represent a vibrant Assyrian community that contributes so much to the 9th Senate District. I stand with the Assyrian community as together we stand up against all hate and persecution.

Kindly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura Fine". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Laura Fine

State Senator, 9<sup>th</sup> District