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Vice President Joseph R. Biden
The White House
Washington DC, 20500

Dear Mr. Vice President,

On behalf of the Assyrian Universal Alliance and its affiliates worldwide, it gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest congratulations on your inauguration as Vice President of the United States. We recognize the significance of this presidency, and congratulate you, the president and the American people for this historic moment. We recognize the vital role you played as a supporter and campaigner for the fruition of this long-awaited achievement. I also want to commend and thank you for your support of the Assyrian people. It is our deep hope that you will continue support the Assyrian nation as steadfastly as you have supported the integration of the American nation because the work of the Assyrian nation has not yet been completed.

We appeal to you and President Obama to urge the Iraqi government to agree to the essential institution of an Assyrian Autonomous Region in the historical and ancestral Assyrian lands in Northern Iraq as part of modern day Iraq. This newly-formalized Assyrian region which will be administrated and protected by Assyrians under the jurisdiction of the central government of the Federal Republic of Iraq, is crucial to the security and survival of our nation, and will encourage Assyrian refugees, whether those internally displaced in Iraq or those scattered in Diaspora, to return. This action will help to gather the fragmented pieces of our nation, stop the shattering of our communities causing the dwindling of our numbers, and reverse the current course that is leading this old and historic nation toward extinction.

We eagerly await your help in promoting the establishment of an Assyrian Autonomous Region in Iraq and thank you again for your continuing campaign to ensure the survival of one of the world's most ancient nations. We look forward to meeting with you to further discuss our situation and implement strategies to secure the future of our people.

Sincerely yours,

Carlo K. Ganjeh
Secretary of the Americas Region
Assyrian Universal Alliance