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January 28, 2012

Representative Edward Vigil
Capital Development Committee
State Capitol Building
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Representative Vigil:

On January 18, 2013, the Capitol Building Advisory Committee (advisory committee) considered and approved proposed language for an explanatory plaque to be placed in the renovated Armenian Garden adjacent to a replica Armenian khachkar. The Capital Development Committee (CDC) has previously considered and approved the donation of the replica khachkar and the final design of the renovated gardens, including the proposed location of the replica khachkar and explanatory plaque. The advisory committee approved the following language for the explanatory plaque:

This memorial honors the victims and descendants of the 1915 Armenian Genocide on the 100th anniversary of that great tragedy. The genocide prompted Coloradans to come to the aid of the remaining few who became known as "the starving Armenians." This Armenian cultural monument is a replica of a khachkar, crafted in 1583, from the medieval Armenian cemetery in Djulfa. The largest collection of these intricately-carved khachkars, Djulfas, was destroyed in 2005. UNESCO has since recognized the value and vulnerability of this art form by declaring it part of the intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

The advisory committee requests that the CDC consider and approve the explanatory plaque language for inclusion in a joint resolution approving the gift of the replica khachkar for placement in the renovated Armenian Garden. On behalf of the Capitol Building Advisory Committee, thank you for your consideration of this proposed plaque language, and throughout the process of accepting this gift.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Newell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Senator Linda Newell
Chair, Capitol Building Advisory Committee

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