



The Honorable Susan Collins
Chair
Senate Appropriations Committee
S-128, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Committee
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The Honorable Tom Cole
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March 11, 2026

Dear Chairs and Ranking Members:

With the Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) appropriations cycle underway, I am pleased to present Global ARM's recommendations for the FY27 State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs (SFOPs)/National Security, Department of State and Related Programs (NSRP) and Defense Appropriations Bills.

Global ARM is a U.S. nonprofit dedicated to supporting Armenia and the Armenian people. A non-partisan organization independent of any political affiliations, both within and outside Armenia, Global ARM focuses on strengthening Armenia's ties with the United States. Global ARM is committed to growing U.S.-Armenia ties, deterring Azerbaijani aggression, and supporting a just and lasting peace in the South Caucasus in alignment with U.S. interests. We would be delighted to serve as a resource as the Appropriations Committees consider these requests and develop legislation as part of the FY27 funding cycle.

All Global ARM's FY27 requests aim to continue momentum in U.S.-Armenia bilateral relations, including the implementation of the U.S.-Armenia Strategic Partnership Charter, the August 8 Joint Declaration on the Establishment of Peace and Inter-State Relations and bilateral Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) focused on peace and economic cooperation, and more recent agreements executed during Vice President JD Vance's historic February 2026 visit to Yerevan enshrining U.S.-Armenia collaboration on civil nuclear energy, defense equipment transfers, technology and artificial intelligence (AI), regional connectivity, and critical minerals.

It is undeniable that U.S.-Armenia relations have entered a new strategic era. Under the leadership of the Trump Administration, tremendous advancements have been made towards achieving an equitable and durable peace between Armenia and Azerbaijan. Given Armenia's demonstrable progress on its commitments to closer alignment with the U.S., the Senate and House Appropriations Committee must revisit the approach taken in recent years to U.S. assistance to the South Caucasus to ensure that FY27 funding legislation reflects deepening U.S.-Armenia ties and maximizes the benefits of more robust bilateral security and economic cooperation.

Developed in consultation with the administration, bipartisan Members of Congress, and stakeholders on the ground in both Washington and Armenia, Global ARM recommends the following programmatic and policy proposals for inclusion in this year's appropriations legislation:



- **Foreign Military Financing (FMF):** \$20 million in dedicated FMF funding for Armenia and report language highlighting how increased security cooperation with Armenia through the FMF program supports U.S. security and economic interests in the South Caucasus.
- **International Military Education and Training (IMET):** \$10 million in discretionary IMET funding for Armenia and report language expressing support for the professionalization of Armenian Armed Forces through education in U.S. military practices.
- **Review of FMF and IMET Assistance for Armenia:** Legislative language that would trigger a certification of FMF and IMET assistance for Armenia if the Secretary of State cannot certify that Azerbaijan is taking meaningful steps to withdraw forces from sovereign Armenia, release Armenian political prisoners, recognize right of return for displaced ethnic Armenians to their homes in Nagorno Karabakh, commit to preservation of cultural and religious sites in Nagorno Karabakh, and cease aggression against Armenia.
- **Oversight of Implementation of Multimodal Supply Chain Route in Southern Armenia:** Report language directing the State Department to provide the Appropriations Committees with a report on implementation of the Trump Route for International Peace and Prosperity (TRIPP) Framework agreement to establish a new, U.S.-led multimodal transit route in southern Armenia.
- **International Security Corporation Programs (ISCP):** \$50 million for the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) to support implementation of the U.S.-Armenia Strategic Partnership Charter through enhanced bilateral defense cooperation.
- **Review of ISCP Assistance for Armenia:** Legislative language that would trigger a certification of ISCP funding for Armenia if the Secretary of War cannot certify that Azerbaijan is making demonstrable progress on the withdrawal of forces from sovereign Armenia, release Armenian political prisoners, recognize right of return for displaced ethnic Armenians to their homes in Nagorno Karabakh, commit to preservation of cultural and religious sites in Nagorno Karabakh, and cease aggression against Armenia.

Draft programmatic and report language is attached for the committees' consideration. Global ARM looks forward to the opportunity to work together to increase U.S. security assistance for Armenia, enhance economic prosperity for both Armenia and the U.S., and advance peace in the South Caucasus. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Timothy Jemal", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Timothy Jemal
President
Global ARM



CC:

The Honorable Lindsey Graham, Chair, Senate State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Subcommittee

The Honorable Brian Schatz, Ranking Member, Senate State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Subcommittee

The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Chair, Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee

The Honorable Christopher Coons, Ranking Member, Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee

The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart, Chair, House National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs Appropriations Subcommittee

The Honorable Lois Frankel, Ranking Member, House National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs Appropriations Subcommittee

The Honorable Ken Calvert, Chair, House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee

The Honorable Betty McCollum, Ranking Member, House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee



GLOBAL ARM FY27 APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

Overarching Goal: Continue to support momentum in U.S.-Armenia bilateral relations, including implementation of the U.S.-Armenia Strategic Partnership Charter and the August 8 Accords. Enhance bilateral security and economic cooperation to achieve a just and durable peace in the South Caucasus.

1. FMF to Armenia in Support of the America First Arms Transfer Strategy

Programmatic Request

Not less than \$20 million for the Foreign Military Financing (FMF) account for Armenia.

Report Language Request

Foreign Military Financing for Armenia. — The Committee directs not less than \$20 million be made available under this heading for assistance to Armenia. The Committee notes the America First Arms Transfer Strategy prioritizes arms sales and transfers to partners that have invested in their own self-defense and capabilities, have a critical role or geography in United States plans or operations, or contribute to United States economic security. It is the committee's view that strengthening Armenia's ability to procure United States-origin defense articles will support the continuation of joint military exercises aimed at enhancing Armenia's self-defense capabilities and interoperability with Western systems. Increased arms sales to Armenia will also deter military aggression and stabilize the region as the United States invests in a new trade route and aims to bolster regional supply chains.

2. Growing the U.S.-Armenia IMET Partnership and U.S.-Led Military Training

Programmatic Request

Not less than \$10 million for the International Military Education and Training (IMET) account to increase U.S.-led military education and training for Armenian forces.

Report Language

International Military and Education Training Support for Armenia. — The Committee directs not less than \$10 million be made available under this heading for assistance to Armenia. The United States-Armenia International Military Education and Training program is the cornerstone of the growing bilateral security relationship, focused on professionalizing the Armenian Armed Forces through education in U.S. military practices. The Committee encourages the Department of State, in collaboration with the Department of Defense, to continue to prioritize programs that enable senior Armenian officers to graduate from United States war colleges, command, and staff schools, enhance the ability of Armenian forces to work alongside the United States military, and promote non-lethal military assistance and institutional reform in Armenia.

3. Review of FMF and IMET Assistance for Armenia

Legislative Language Request

(a) It is the sense of Congress that—



(1) the provision of United States defense articles and services and professional military education

(A) strengthens Armenia's self-defense and regional security;

(B) enhances defense cooperation between the United States and Armenia; and

(C) promotes military interoperability;

(2) strengthening Armenia's security priorities and the broader goal of deterring aggression from malign actors in the South Caucasus aligns with key United States security objectives; and

(3) the United States has a strategic interest in—

(A) promoting peace and deterring aggression from malign actors in the South Caucasus; and

(B) supporting partners that share the goals of the United States.

(b) DEFINITIONS. -- In this Act:

(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(A) the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;

(B) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate;

(C) the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate;

(D) the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives;

(E) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives; and

(F) the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives.

(2) ARMENIAN PRISONERS.—The term “Armenian prisoners” means the Armenian prisoners of war and detainees that were captured and detained by Azerbaijan.

(3) JOINT DECLARATION.—The term “Joint Declaration” means the Joint Declaration by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia on the outcomes of their meeting in Washington D.C., United States of America, done at the White House, August 8, 2025.

(c) REVIEW OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR ARMENIA.

(1) In General.—Subject to subsections (2) and (3), not later than 180 days after the date of the



enactment of this Act, and not less frequently than annually thereafter, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the heads of other national security agencies, shall certify to the appropriate congressional committees that the Government of Azerbaijan has taken meaningful steps—

- (A) to uphold its commitments under the Joint Declaration;
 - (B) to completely withdraw all military forces from the sovereign territory of Armenia;
 - (C) to release all Armenian prisoners;
 - (D) to recognize a right of return for ethnic Armenians to their homes in Nagorno-Karabakh;
 - (E) to commit to the preservation of cultural and religious sites in Nagorno-Karabakh; and
 - (F) to cease all aggression against Armenia.
- (2) **Security Assistance Review.**—If the Secretary of State cannot make the certification described in subsection (1) by a deadline referred to in such subsection, the Secretary shall conduct a review of United States Security assistance for the Republic of Armenia to assess gaps in Armenia’s deterrence and self-defense capabilities.
- (3) **Suspension of Freedom Support Act Waiver Authority.**—If the Secretary of State cannot make a certification described in subsection (a) on or before the date that is 14 days after the date on which such certification is required to be made, the President may not exercise the waiver authority provided under subsection (g)(2) under the heading “ASSISTANCE FOR THE INDEPENDENT STATES OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION” under title II of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2002 (Public Law 107–115; 22 U.S.C. 5812 note), relating to section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act (Public Law 102–511; 22 U.S.C. 5812 note), until a timely certification is made.

(d) **REPORTS.**

- (1) **In General.**—Not later than 14 days after the completion of each review required under section 4(b), the Secretary of State shall submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees that includes—
- (A) an assessment of the scale and nature of threats to Armenia;
 - (B) an evaluation of historical and current United States security assistance for Armenia, including Foreign Military Financing and International Military Education and Training support;
 - (C) an identification of any gaps in Armenia’s immediate and long-term defense needs, including defense articles, services, and military training;
 - (D) a summary of the immediate steps the Department of State is taking to increase security



cooperation with Armenia; and

(E) recommendations for further strengthening the security relationship between the United States and Armenia in order to address shortfalls in Armenia's self-defense capabilities to deter aggression.

(2) Form.—The report required under subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

4. Enhancing Armenia's Defense Capacity through ISCP

Programmatic Request

Not less than \$50 million for the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) International Security Cooperation Programs (ISCP) account to support implementation of the U.S.-Armenia Strategic Partnership Charter through enhanced bilateral defense cooperation.

Report Language Request

International Security Cooperation Support to Enhance U.S.-Armenia Defense Cooperation. — The Committee directs not less than \$50 million be made available under this heading to support implementation of the U.S.-Armenia Strategic Partnership Charter. Funding should be prioritized for bilateral consultations focused on defense planning and Armenia's military modernization, efforts to expand U.S.-led military training and education for Armenian forces, and joint military exercises to enhance Armenia's self-defense capabilities and increase interoperability with United States and Western forces.

5. Review of ISCP Assistance for Armenia

Legislative Language Request

(a) It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the provision of United States defense articles and services and professional military education

(A) strengthens Armenia's self-defense and regional security;

(B) enhances defense cooperation between the United States and Armenia; and

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(B) an evaluation of historical and current United States security assistance for Armenia, including International Security Cooperation Programs support;

(C) an identification of any gaps in Armenia's immediate and long-term defense needs, including defense articles, services, and military training;

(D) a summary of the immediate steps the Department of Defense is taking to increase security cooperation with Armenia; and

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(2) Form.—The report required under subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

6. Implementation of a Multimodal Supply Chain Route in Southern Armenia to Promote Regional Economic Integration and Stability

Report Language Request



Implementation of a Multimodal Supply Chain Route in Southern Armenia to Promote Regional Economic Integration and Stability. – The committee notes that the United States-led infrastructure initiative to establish a multimodal transit route through southern Armenia has entered the implementation phase following the execution of a framework agreement between the United States and Armenia in January 2026. The committee believes this project has the potential to transform the South Caucasus into a regional transit hub by establishing a new supply chain alternative that links the Trans-Caspian Trade Route to Europe via Turkey while bypassing Russia and Iran. Additionally, this new trade route embraces a peace through prosperity model, promoting regional stability and reciprocal economic benefits in the South Caucasus consistent with U.S. strategic interests.

Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the committee directs the Secretary of State to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and House on the project's implementation. At a minimum, the report shall include the following: (1) the preliminary or final findings of any feasibility studies related to the infrastructure components of the project; (2) a description of the funding and governance structure with a focus on how the model will preserve United States leadership and maintain Armenian sovereignty; (3) a timeline and plan for completing construction and executing the necessary contract vehicles with private vendors for operational support; (4) an overview of efforts to link the transit route to other U.S. priorities in the South Caucasus, including but not limited to the release of Armenian political prisoners captured by Azerbaijan and complete withdrawal of Azerbaijani forces from sovereignty Armenian territory; and (5) identification of any new authorities or appropriations required for full implementation.