To Representative in Congress

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HRES 356

Dear Representative Knollenberg

In the 1930's, the Nazis created a dangerous new propaganda tool called the "big lie" – say a lie loud enough and long enough and people will begin to believe it. Who can forget how Hitler used his false claim that Germany lost the World War I because of Jewish betrayal to gain power and attempt to exterminate the Jewish people.

To avoid making the same type of mistake, we must always be on-guard against those who would rewrite history for their own selfish gains and opposition should not wait until after the fact. For this reason, I would like to ask you to support United Nations and U. S. policy dealing with the Former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) by joining with the over 100 of your Congressional colleagues in cosponsoring and supporting H. Res. 356.

All this resolution asks is that "the Former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) should stop the utilization of materials that violate provisions of the United Nations brokered Interim Agreement between the FYROM and Greece regarding 'hostile activities or propaganda' and should work with the United Nations and Greece to achieve longstanding United States and United Nations policy goals of finding a mutually-acceptable official name for the FYROM." We should seek stability in the region not condone actions that will only lead to strife.

Though your cosponsoring of this resolution, it is my hope that the United States will be sending the FYROM the clear message that their attempt to rewrite history and steal the cultural heritage of an honorable people is not acceptable behavior. Furthermore, the stalling tactics they are using will not weaken our resolve on this matter.

I hope I will see shortly that you have joined your Congressional colleagues and the over 70,000 Hellenic-Americans of Michigan and others, who support this resolution.

Sincerely,

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