

**Les jeunes de l'ANCA se joignent  
aux vétérans pour rencontrer les  
membres du nouveau Congrès US  
(le 116ème)**



WASHINGTON, DC - A new generation of young Armenian American advocates joined with veteran activists and ANCA staff in welcoming the incoming 116th Congress, visiting U.S. Senators and Representatives during a day of swearing-in ceremonies and celebrations across Capitol Hill.

"Welcoming the most diverse Congress in history was an excellent way to introduce the ANCA's youth advocates to longtime Congressional champions like Senator Bob Menendez (D-NJ) and Representative Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE) and educating freshman members about our Armenian American policy priorities," said ANC New Jersey's Ani Tchaghlassian, who led a group of university and high school students, many active with the local Hamazkayin Dance group, AYF, and Homenetmen. "For many in our group, advocacy was limited to sending letters, making phone calls and, in some cases, volunteering at local offices. This trip to DC, the first of many future trips, gave them an insider's view of how Congress works and, perhaps inspired a few to look into future public policy career options."

During their two-day stay, advocates met Armenian American Congressional staffers, many alumni of the Hovig Apo Saghdejian Capital Gateway Program. They also received briefings on ANCA issues, training on helpful advocacy do's and don'ts, and a review of the ANCA's youth empowerment programs including the Leo Sarkisian Summer Internship and the Gateway Program



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*Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ), a long-time advocate of Armenian Genocide justice, with the ANCA team of veteran and youth advocates.*

*Rep. Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE), an outspoken leader on the rights of Christians and other minorities in the Middle East, with ANCA activists.*

— Advocates Travel to Washington to Meet with a Broad Cross-Section of the Large and Diverse Incoming Class of New Legislators