

Almaniyada yaşayan soydaşımız ABŞ Senatına müraciət edib

Petition to the U.S. Senate

Honorable Members of the Senate,

I would like to address the case of Senator Bob Menendez, who was sentenced to 11 years in prison in January 2025 on charges of corruption and bribery.

An examination of his political career and actions reveals that he has not only maintained a biased stance against the interests of Azerbaijan and Türkiye but has also compromised the national interests of the United States for personal gain.

Bob Menendez's Political Career

- 1993–2006: Member of the U.S. House of Representatives
- 2006–Present: Member of the U.S. Senate
- 2013–2015 & 2021–2023: Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee

Throughout his political career, Bob Menendez has been known as a senator actively engaged in issues related to foreign policy, human rights, and anti-corruption efforts. However, recent corruption scandals have revealed that he merely used these principles as political tools.

Corruption Allegations

Senator Menendez has been repeatedly implicated in corruption scandals. In September 2023, he and his wife, Nadine Menendez, faced federal corruption charges. According to the indictment, the senator accepted

bribes from the Egyptian government and certain businessmen in exchange for using his political influence to advance their interests.

During an FBI raid on his residence, significant amounts of cash and gold bars were discovered. As a result, Menendez was forced to resign as Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

This was not his first corruption scandal. In 2015, he faced similar charges of bribery and corruption, but the trial ended without a final verdict.

Bob Menendez's Hostile Policy Toward Azerbaijan

Throughout his political career, Senator Menendez has openly supported Armenian interests while adopting a hostile stance toward Azerbaijan. His actions have been characterized by:

1. **Calling on the U.S. government to impose sanctions against Azerbaijan**
2. **Actively participating in drafting anti-Azerbaijani legislation and resolutions**
3. **Attempting to prevent Azerbaijan from receiving military assistance**
4. **Lobbying for increased U.S. financial aid to Armenia**
5. **Labeling Azerbaijan as an "aggressor" following the Second Karabakh War**
6. **Accusing Azerbaijan of imposing a blockade on the Lachin Corridor during the 2022–2023 crisis and demanding that Baku reopen the route**
7. **Alleging that the Azerbaijani government committed genocide against the Armenian minority in Karabakh**

8. **Calling for sanctions against President İlham Aliyev and restricting Azerbaijan's access to international financial institutions**

9. **Blocking the appointment of a U.S. ambassador to Azerbaijan**

This policy has not only strained U.S.–Azerbaijan relations but has also negatively impacted U.S.–Türkiye relations.

Bob Menendez's Role in Recognizing the Armenian Genocide

In 2019, Bob Menendez was one of the key figures behind the Senate resolution recognizing the Armenian Genocide.

He is also known for his critical stance against Türkiye. Due to Türkiye's relations with Greece, he opposed the sale of F-16 fighter jets to Türkiye, further damaging diplomatic ties.

The fact that Bob Menendez influenced U.S. foreign policy in exchange for bribes is a well-documented reality. By abusing his position, he accepted illicit funds to promote Armenian interests, ultimately undermining the United States' international credibility.

In light of these concerns, I urge the U.S. Congress to establish a special investigative commission to thoroughly examine Senator Menendez's anti-Azerbaijani campaign. I am confident that such an investigation will uncover even more serious corruption cases.

Sincerely,

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Almaniyanın Herford şəhərində yaşayan, beynəlxalq hüquq üzrə ekspert Asaf Askar senator Bob Menendezin Azərbaycanla bağlı apardığı çirkin kampaniyanın daha dərinəndən araşdırılması üçün ABŞ Senatına müraciət edib.

Diasporla İş üzrə Dövlət Komitəsindən AZƏRTAC-a verilən məlumata görə, müraciətdə Bob Menendezin xarici siyasət, insan haqları və korrupsiyaya qarşı mübarizə mövzularından siyasi alət kimi istifadə etdiyi vurğulanıb, Bob Menendezin yalnız Azərbaycan və Türkiyəyə qarşı qərəzli mövqe tutmaqla kifayətlənmədiyini, eyni zamanda, ABŞ-in öz milli maraqlarını da şəxsi mənfəə-

tinə qurban verdiyi diqqətə çatdırılıb. Soydaşımız həmçinin xüsusi araşdırma komissiyasının yaradılmasını xahiş edib, ABŞ Konqresinin bu araşdırma nəticəsində daha ciddi korrupsiya faktlarını ortaya çıxaracağını bildirib.

Qeyd edilib ki, Bob Menendez ABŞ Nümayəndələr Palatasının üzvü, ABŞ Senatının üzvü, Senatda Xarici Əlaqələr Komitəsinin sədri kimi fəaliyyət göstərüb. 2025-ci ilin yanvar ayında korrupsiya və rüşvətxorluq ittihamları əsasında 11 il həbs cəzasına məhkum edilib. O, siyasi fəaliyyəti boyu Ermənistanın maraqlarını açıq şəkildə dəstəkləyib və Azərbaycana qarşı düşmən mövqedə olub.

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