

HELP NOW BY WRITING TO YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

Writing Points/Options: (See sample letters provided)

- **Rescue those enslaved**
- **Provide aid to Yazidis in displaced persons (DP) & refugee camps**
- **Create a safe zone for Yazidis in their homeland**
- **Offer priority status for asylum in the United States or help them resettle in other western countries**
- **Bring perpetrators to justice for war crimes**
- Thank Senator Blumenthal for his efforts speaking on behalf of the Yazidis and encourage him to continue to do so and to take action in the U.S. Senate
- Thank both senators for co-sponsoring Senate Resolution 310 in December 2015, condemning the sexual violence against women and children of Yazidi, Christian, Shabak, Turkmen, and other religious communities by ISIS militants.
- Thank House Reps. for unanimously supporting a declaration of genocide in March 2016 in the House of Representatives

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Ideas/Tips:

- **Keep it brief** – No more than one page
- **List your credentials** if you think it adds to your message - Example: As a Connecticut educator, who teaches global studies and human rights, I am deeply concerned about the plight of the Yazidi children impacted by the current genocide.
- **Add a personal touch** - Example: This is important to me because I am the child of refugees and believe that we have a moral obligation to...
- **Keep it professional and proofread**
- **Include your address**
- **Include your telephone number** if you would like the possibility of a call back

Short Sample Letter:

Your Name
Address
City, State Zip Code

8/14/16

The Honorable Richard Blumenthal
706 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC, 20510

RE: Yazidi Genocide

Dear Senator Blumenthal,

As a Connecticut educator committed to teaching students how to be engaged world citizens and to take action in order correct injustices that befall others, I would like to thank you for being a voice in Washington for the Yazidi, Christian and other victims of genocide who were systematically kidnapped, brutalized and enslaved by ISIL in Iraq and Syria.

I am writing to ask you to continue to advocate for the survivors and those still enslaved. Please ask the State Department to support the rescue of those still enslaved, provide targeted aid to Yazidis in displaced person and refugee camps, and offer priority expedited status for asylum in the United States. I also ask that you encourage the administration to take an active role in seeing that the perpetrators of atrocities against the Yazidis and other minorities are captured and brought up on charges for war crimes.

Thank you for your time and attention to this critical matter.

Respectfully,
Your Full Name
Address
City, State Zip Code
Telephone #