

It has come to the attention of the Armenian Diaspora in the US that you have been engaged to become a willing participant in a genocidal war currently being waged against Armenians by Azerbaijan. This is not just a war on our homeland but a war of information being fought in the media and back rooms of political arenas with the help of hired firms such as S-3 Group advocating for a country using the same ISIS terrorists that are killing our American troops abroad.

Based on U.S. Department of Justice FARA filings, on October 8, 2020 your services were retained by INVESTMENT CORPORATION, INC of Baku, Azerbaijan. This company is a thinly veiled front for the Government of Azerbaijan through a proxy shell corporation. They are attempting to use your firm's influence amidst a war to sway public opinion in favor of their disgraced state. Azerbaijan is committing war crimes on civilian populations every day by bombing towns, hospitals, schools and churches with impunity. Firms like yours make this possible.

Your client, with the help of Turkey, has hired ISIS Jihadi mercenaries from places such as Syria and Libya to commit another Genocide on Christian Armenians inhabiting the region of Nagorno-Karabagh currently under the protection of the Armenian Defense forces. There is irrefutable video evidence, corroborated by international media organizations currently reporting from the conflict zone verifying indiscriminate attacks on civilian populations. There is video footage showing Armenian civilians being executed at point-blank range with machine guns. There is open, unrepentant torture. Children are being killed by Azeri suicide drones. Journalists are suffering injuries from deliberate double-tap strikes. The evidence is available and we urge you to see it for yourself.

Armenians have filed government backed suits in international courts for war crimes that occurred in a prior clash, the most gruesome of which is a beheading that took place while an Armenian man was still alive. There is unified condemnation of Azerbaijan and Turkey by NATO Allies such as France, USA and Greece. The Parliament of Luxembourg has passed legislation condemning Azerbaijan for their aggressions and crimes. The US Congress is officially condemning Azerbaijan and Turkey with H.Res. 1165 underway. The measure was introduced by bipartisan members of the House including Reps. Jackie Speier (D-CA.), Adam Schiff (D-CA.), Frank Pallone (D-N.J.), Gus Bilirakis (R-FL.), Devin Nunes (R-CA) and 31 other members. Calls to enforce the Global Magnitsky Act are already underway for Senior Officials in Baku.

Despite this unified call for condemnation S-3 Group is attempting to make a country waging a ruthless war seem as if they are victims of aggression by a country a third its size and with a quarter of its capabilities. Armenia is a peaceful country being forced to defend its people and its right to exist in the middle of the worst global health crisis in modern history.

In your FARA filing dated October 15, 2020 you disseminated misleading information accusing Armenia of targeting oil pipelines and infrastructure critical to the US and allies in order to further Azerbaijan's goal of securing more US military aid funding. Your source of information was the Government of Azerbaijan itself, particularly their Prosecutor's Office who has prosecuted people based on fabricated evidence used to suppress their opposition according to Amnesty International ([amnesty.org](https://www.amnesty.org)), an unbiased source.

All Azeri reports are fabricated and are the product of state propaganda. Azerbaijan is ranked close to last place in freedom of Press (168th out of 180) by Reporters Without Borders ([rsf.org](https://www.rsf.org)), an unbiased source. While Armenia has welcomed international press and media coverage in this war; Azerbaijan has actively blocked all press and internet access to their country except from Turkey, who is responsible for

the Genocide of Armenians in 1915 and until this day denies it ever occurred.

Your client, whom you have "the privilege of representing" as you stated, is a country of oppression with most of the opposition being jailed or killed. The current President, Ilham Aliyev, is a dictator who inherited this position from his father who was a Soviet-era dictator. There are no free elections in Azerbaijan. Aliyev has appointed his wife as Vice President and his millennial daughters have vast real estate holdings globally. Azerbaijan is corrupt and classified as NOT FREE, ranking near last in every category of democracy by FreedomHouse ([freedomhouse.org](https://www.freedomhouse.org)), an unbiased source. They have an overall score of 10/100, barely beating out the countries of North Korea (3/100) and Somalia (7/10).

Azerbaijan has virtually no human rights according to Human Rights Watch ([hrw.org](https://www.hrw.org)), an unbiased source. Azerbaijan is especially noted for their hostility towards the LGBTQ community as it ranked in last place in Human Rights for the LGBTQ Community by The European Region of the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ilga-europe.org), an unbiased source. People in the LGBTQ Community in Azerbaijan are regularly jailed and tortured. This is the same government of Azerbaijan who you defend through Investment Corporation, Inc and use as a source for your disinformation that you pass on to US lawmakers. This is just one example out of many. It is not hard for a savvy firm such as S-3 Group to take a snippet of an article and extrapolate a false narrative to benefit your client Azerbaijan. Perhaps you are already aware of the false narrative you defend and this is why your firm does not verify facts and places the onus and contractual obligation of the validity of information on your client. In turn, S-3 Group is a willful participant to terrorism and war crimes through aiding in Azerbaijan's propaganda machine.

I am sure you understand how this may be a serious moral and PR crossroad for your large corporate clients who have fought hard to progress human rights here in the US and across the globe. Consider them notified of your new client, Investment Corporation, Inc, and your efforts in helping advance Azerbaijan's foreign policy agenda in buying US influence and misdirecting information of war crimes committed. This message is received by them along with all media outlets.

We implore you to end all support to Azerbaijan via Investment Corporation, Inc. immediately. Do not be complicit in the murder of civilians to progress the agenda of a Dictator who is sacrificing his own people.

We strongly urge you to reconsider your role in shaping a better world by terminating your relationship with Investment Corporation, Inc of Baku.

Sincerely,
The Armenian Diaspora