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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the nationwide membership of the American Hellenic Institute (AHI), I write to express our deep concern regarding your Administration's formal notification to Congress of the proposed sale of more than \$700 million in GE F110 engines to Türkiye for its KAAN fighter aircraft, while also reviewing a pathway for Türkiye to obtain F-35 aircraft.

Mr. President, it was your Administration that rightfully imposed sanctions under the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA) on Türkiye's defense procurement agency after determining that Ankara's acquisition of the Russian S-400 air defense system posed an unacceptable threat to U.S. national security and NATO interoperability. **Your Administration reached the correct conclusion in 2020, and we respectfully urge you to stand by it.**

Moreover, nothing has changed since that determination. Türkiye continues to possess the Russian S-400 system, and the legal and national security concerns that prompted those sanctions remain unresolved. Those sanctions remain in effect today, and we respectfully urge your Administration not to pursue policies that would undermine them or the legal framework upon which they were imposed.

AHI is equally troubled that, although the Administration has formally notified Congress of the proposed defense article sale, reports indicate it has chosen to proceed over the objections of congressional leaders and without adhering to the longstanding congressional consultation process that has traditionally governed major arms sales. Congress's constitutional oversight responsibilities are an essential safeguard in U.S. foreign and national security policy and should be fully respected.

Türkiye's conduct over many years demonstrates that it is not a reliable NATO ally. It continues its illegal occupation of the Republic of Cyprus, routinely violates Greece's sovereignty in the Aegean, undermines NATO cohesion through its ties with Russia, enables malign actors in the Middle East, including Hamas, and remains a habitual violator of international law and norms, as well as U.S. law that includes the ongoing persecution of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Rewarding such conduct with expanded defense cooperation sends the wrong message to our allies and adversaries alike.

The United States has long benefited from its strategic partnerships with Greece, the Republic of Cyprus, and other democratic allies in the region, that seek peace and stability in the Eastern Mediterranean. Those partnerships should continue to be strengthened, particularly at a time of increasing geopolitical uncertainty.

Accordingly, AHI respectfully urges your Administration to reverse its current policy direction toward Türkiye, uphold the rule of law, respect Congress's constitutional oversight role, halt the proposed defense article sale, and ensure that Türkiye is not permitted to obtain F-35 aircraft unless and until it fully satisfies the legal and national security conditions established under U.S. law.

Thank you for your consideration of AHI's views on this important matter. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these issues further with your national security team.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Larigakis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nick" being more prominent than the last name "Larigakis".

Nick Larigakis

CC: Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth
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