

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5300
OFFERED BY MR. COSTA OF CALIFORNIA

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . LIMITATION OF WAIVER OF SECTION 907 OF THE**
2 **FREEDOM SUPPORT ACT.**

3 (a) **LIMITATION.**—The President may not exercise
4 the waiver authority provided pursuant to title II of the
5 Foreign Operations, Export Financing and related Pro-
6 grams Appropriations Act, 2002 (Public Law 107–115; 22
7 U.S.C. 5812 note) under subsection (g) under the heading
8 “Assistance for the independent states of the former So-
9 viet Union” until the President determines and certifies
10 to the appropriate congressional committees that the Gov-
11 ernment of Azerbaijan has taken demonstrable and
12 verifiable steps towards the following:

13 (1) Ensuring the immediate release of all re-
14 maining Armenian prisoners of war, civilian cap-
15 tives, and former officials of Nagorno-Karabakh in
16 its custody, as required under international law.

17 (2) Ensuring the expedited withdrawal of Azer-
18 baijani military forces from the internationally rec-
19 ognized territory of the Republic of Armenia.

1 (3) Guaranteeing the protection and preserva-
2 tion of Armenian Christian cultural heritage in
3 Nagorno-Karabakh.

4 (4) Ceasing the destruction of public and pri-
5 vate property in formerly-Armenian populated areas
6 in Nagorno-Karabakh.

7 (b) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
8 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-
9 gressional committees” means—

10 (1) the Committee on Armed Services and the
11 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate; and

12 (2) the Committee on Armed Services and the
13 Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
14 resentatives.

