



**CANADIAN HELLENIC CONGRESS**  
**ΕΛΛΗΝΟΚΑΝΑΔΙΚΟ ΚΟΓΚΡΕΣΟ**  
**CONGRÈS HELLÉNIQUE CANADIEN**

9150 boul. de l'Acadie, Suite 109, Montréal (QC) H4N 2T2  
chc@chcongress.ca – www.chcongress.ca

**NATIONAL COUNCIL 2023-2025**

**OFFICERS:**

**Dr. Theodore Halatsis (QC)**

President

Governmental and Public Affairs

**George Manios (ON)**

Executive Vice President

**Pelagia Adamidis (QC)**

Vice-President, Administration & Secretary,

**Stratis Drossiadis (QC)**

Vice-President, Finance and Treasurer

**Peter Papageorgiou (QC)**

Vice-President, Fundraising

**Dr. Costas Pappas (ON)**

Vice-President, International Relations

**Sandy Nicolopoulos (QC)**

Vice-President, Cultural & Social Development

**Zoi Illiopoulou (QC)**

Vice-President, Communications & Social Media

**John Moukas (QC)**

Deputy Vice-President, Governmental and Public Affairs

**Simon Leptokaridis (ON)**

Vice-President, Macedonian Affairs

**George Kalakos (ON)**

Vice-President, Research and Development

**Constantinos Caltabanis (QC)**

Vice-President, Quebec and Atlantic Canada Council

**Stavros Dalakouras (ON)**

Vice-President, Ontario Region

**Dimitrios Athanasiou (MB)**

Vice-President, Western Canada Council

**DIRECTORS:**

**Anastasios Baxevanidis (ON)**

President—Hellenic Canadian Congress of Ontario

**Nick Christoforidis (ON)**

**Dr. Anthony Foscolos (AB)**

**Nicholas Georgiades (QC)**

**Theodore Grammatikopoulos (AB)**

**Harry Liontas (MB)**

President—Hellenic Canadian Congress of Manitoba

**Dr. Constantine Passaris (NB)**

**John Vathis (QC)**

**Dr. John Vlachopoulos (ON)**

January 3, 2023

**Via electronic mail:**

**Senator Menendez@menendez.senate.gov**

Senator Robert Menendez (D - NJ)  
528 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Subject: Letter of Congratulations

Dear Senator Menendez,

On behalf of the Canadian Hellenic Congress' (CHC) National Council, I take this opportunity to thank you for your effective and impelling work as Chairman of the U.S. Senate's Foreign Relations Committee, as well as, to commend you on your fierce commitment to same, effecting policy with followed-through actions; a clear testament to just, moral and humane interventions.

Your stance on Turkey's unlawful and provocative actions in the Eastern Mediterranean region is extremely appropriate and attests to your outspoken convictions, which are greatly appreciated by Canadians of Hellenic descent, as well as, all those possessing sound moral character and able to value your ethical and principled qualities.

Your statements of December 19<sup>th</sup> 2022, including: *"I come to the Floor today to condemn the recent actions of the Turkish President which are not only disturbing—they are totally unacceptable,..."*, *"...this is a NATO member—directly threatening to target Athens, a city of three million civilians. According to the United Nations—an intentional attack on civilians is a war crime..."* and *"if standing up to human rights abuses makes me an enemy of Erdogan – if calling out Turkey for arming Azerbaijan and enabling the massacre of innocent Armenian civilians makes me an enemy of Erdogan – if demanding Turkey recognize Greek and Cypriot sovereignty makes me an enemy of Erdogan – then it is a badge I will wear with honor..."* are a testament to your bold, "tell-it-as-it-is" style and your strong, fair and just positions.

.../2

***The Canadian Hellenic Congress is a national democratic communal institution that represents, advances, advocates and promotes the interests and concerns of Canadians of Hellenic descent and Hellenism in general. The Congress is the national voice of Hellenes and their communities and/or organizations across Canada.***



**CANADIAN HELLENIC CONGRESS**  
**ΕΛΛΗΝΟΚΑΝΑΔΙΚΟ ΚΟΓΚΡΕΣΟ**  
**CONGRÈS HELLÉNIQUE CANADIEN**

9150 boul. de l'Acadie, Suite 109, Montréal (QC) H4N 2T2  
chc@chcongress.ca – www.chcongress.ca

2/

**Montreal, January 3, 2023**  
**Senator Robert Menendez (D - NJ)**  
**Subject: Letter of Congratulations**

As well, we commend you for your refusal to approve the sale of F-16 fighter jets by the U.S. to Turkey until such time as President Erdogan halts his aggressive campaign across the entire region.

Moreover, we, as Canadians of Hellenic descent, appreciate everything you have done – and continue to do – as a true Philhellene, to support Greece, as well as, other countries such as Cyprus, Israel, Armenia and Kurdistan, amongst others.

You have shown to be the embodiment of human decency, with an innate ability to legislate policy, defined with confidence and delivered with assertiveness, honesty and wit; a true political leader, who are in short supply in governments worldwide.

We also take this opportunity to wish you continued success with your ongoing work in the Senate and all your other endeavours, as well as, to extend our best wishes to you and your loved ones for a healthy and happy New Year.

Respectfully,

Dr. Theodore Halatsis  
President

---

***The Canadian Hellenic Congress is a national democratic communal institution that represents, advances, advocates and promotes the interests and concerns of Canadians of Hellenic descent and Hellenism in general. The Congress is the national voice of Hellenes and their communities and/or organizations across Canada.***