

# Congressman Pushes For Demining and UXO Clearance Funding

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**Fresno, California** Congressman Jim Costa (CA-16) led 100 of his colleagues in issuing a bipartisan letter to U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Jim Costa Congressman California 16th district Administrator John Barsa, urging the agency to invest in demining and UXO removal activities to help address the humanitarian crisis unfolding in Nagorno Karabakh."

The letter reads in part "It's clear that more needs to be done to protect the people of Artsakh and bring lasting peace to the region,...Demining efforts save lives and this conflict has put thousands at stake. The peace process must resume. I'm hopeful Administrator Barsa will act quickly to fund demining and UXO removal in Nagorno Karabakh to prevent avoidable casualties during and after the conflict."

The letter represents Congressman Costa's latest action to support of de-escalation of the conflict in the Republic of Artsakh.