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### GREETINGS FROM SENATOR WARNER

It is with great pleasure that I extend a warm welcome to all attending the U.S. Azeris Network (USAN) 2008 conference held at the George Washington University. I commend you all, particularly the Azerbaijani-Americans from the Commonwealth of Virginia, who are attending the conference, and taking active part in the leadership of USAN. I am honored for the invitation to attend this event, but due to prior commitments, I am regretfully unable to join you.

This year's conference, "Energy Security and Diaspora in the Development of the U.S.-Azerbaijan Strategic Allied Relations", comes at the right time and right place. Political involvement of the Azerbaijani-American community and its organizations, such as USAN, and the topic of energy security, are more important than ever this year.

Energy security is at the forefront of political and economic issues, so I welcome greater involvement by the Azerbaijani-American community, in highlighting the positive role of Azerbaijan in stabilizing oil supplies, softening price fluctuations, and improving energy security.

As we approach the November election, it is important to remember that the right to vote is one of our most fundamental rights. I encourage Azerbaijani-Americans to exercise this fundamental right and register to vote.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

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