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Binghamton, New York 13905
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Archbishop Torkom Manoogian
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Dear Soorpazon Hair:

The Armenian community here has been divided by the problems in our church. Long-standing friends are not speaking to one another, people sniping has grown unbelievably, and we have an explosive environment on our hands. Our small, peaceful community has become a battleground.

It is with deep disappointment that I am writing to you. You came to Binghamton in January this year to listen to our problems. An agreement was reached to terminate Rev. Sooren's tenure after May 17, 1987. It would be in everyone's best interest when Fr. Sooren is given his new assignment. This will enable us to continue normal church activities. I will appreciate a response to our plea.

Respectfully,

Michael Ketchoyian
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cc: Board of Trustees, Binghamton