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**Attention:**

The Honourable Acting President  
The Honourable Prime Minister  
The Honourable Parliamentary Speaker

**Mr Masoud Barzani**  
**Mr Nechirvan Barzani**  
**Dr Yousif Mohammed Sadiq**

**Cc:**

Deputy Prime Minister  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
KRG Representative in Australia

**Mr Qubad Talabani**  
**Mr Falah Mustafa Bakir**  
**Mr Haval Dasko Syan**

**Your Excellencies,**

**Kurdish Lobby Australia Requests that the Kurdistan Parliament vote:**

- **On whether the president should be elected by the parliament or the people;**
- **In support of parliamentary elections on 1 November 2017**

Before and after the 92.73 percent support for independence of the Kurdistan Region and Kurdistan territories of Iraq in the referendum held on 25 September 2017, one promise made to the people was that presidential and parliamentary elections would be held on 1 November.

Given that only one candidate, Mohammad Tofiq Rahim, came forward to stand for the presidency, we ask that the Kurdistan Parliament consider this an opportunity to vote on whether the parliament or the people should elect a president, and to act on the outcome of this vote in a timely manner. Despite this being a dangerous period, we also suggest that it is important to hold parliamentary elections on 1 November 2017.

We ask your Excellencies to consider these requests so that democracy, justice and credibility become the foundations on which Kurdistan achieves independence. We sincerely wish the Kurdistan Parliament, the Kurdistan Regional Government, the Kirkuk Provincial Council and the district councils every success in serving the people and addressing the many challenges on the path to statehood.

**Yours Sincerely,**

**Zirian Fatah, President/Co-Chair**

**Dr Gina Lennox, Public Officer, Co-chair**