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Mr. Thomas V. Kalajian, Planning Coordinator
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Dear Mr. Kalajian:

Thank you for your recent invitation to attend the Armenian Festival of Orange County. Unfortunately, I have a very busy schedule that weekend and will not be able to attend.

I wish to send greetings to all in attendance and commend the nineteen Armenian organizations and the Organizing Committee for your commitment to raise awareness of the Armenian culture and support for orphanages in Armenia.

All of you have been touched by a true spirit of cultural pride and compassion for the well-being of children. Your leadership and efforts are greatly appreciated by all.

I hate to miss out on the shish kebab and baklava; however, I am certain that you will have a highly successful event.

Most cordially,



George Deukmejian
35th Governor of California