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**To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the House of  
Representatives assembled in Parliament:**

The Petition of certain citizens of Australia draws the attention of the House to the plight of the Christian minority of Iraq, who since 2003 have suffered increasing harassment and persecution from religious extremist elements within their homeland of Iraq. Their Government seems unable to protect them.

Anti-Christian violence and threats are now on such a scale as to constitute ethnic cleansing, even attempted genocide, and a large proportion of the Christian population have now fled the country to seek refuge elsewhere.

Your petitioners therefore request the House to take serious note of the plight of Iraqi Christians, to provide aid and relief for the refugees, and to give refuge to some of them, enabling them to settle here in our country.