## ### ARMENIAN TECHNOLOGY GROUP

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## Dear ATG Supporters:

This year, again, I will be joining Vatche and cyclists from the US, Europe, Armenia, and the Middle East to ride in the countryside of Armenia to help raise funds for ATG's grape nursery project in Karabagh. This fundraising effort will supply the grape nursery with equipment and enhance their storage facilities, thereby tripling the production level of the nursery. Our ultimate goal is to create jobs and expedite the production of table and wine grapes in Karabagh and Armenia.

Your support has enabled ATG to assist the people of Armenia and Karabagh by creating jobs, increasing their agricultural productivity, and helping them generate a living income during the past 17 years. Your partnership has been vital to our success. We deeply appreciate your trust and continued support of our mission.

The riders are dedicating their time and resources by paying their own travel and accommodation expenses to and from Armenia. We are asking for your support and thank you for sponsoring our riders, who are committed to this ride as you can see from their statements below. Your tax-deducible donations will go toward the nursery project in Karabagh.

Varoujan Der Simonian
Executive Director, ATG

## What does the fund-raising bike-a-thon do for Armenia?

"Give a person a fish; you have fed him for today. Teach a person to fish; and you have fed him for a lifetime."

We all understand the meaning of this proverb. But what does this have to do with me riding my bicycle in Armenia in order to raise money for our homeland? It's simple: to assist the Armenian farmers to become self-sufficient in food production. I love our homeland and I am committed deeply to making Armenia a better place. The ATG focuses on providing new private Armenian farmers with the benefits of improved agricultural techniques and innovations, in order to enable the farmers to enhance the yield and quality of the republic's farm products. At the same time, ATG cultivates the business and management skills necessary for success in modern agriculture.

Please be generous and support Armenia and its people.

*Vatche* — Vatche Soghomonian

- "My purpose to do the Ride for Armenia with ATG is to raise the level of awareness in the Diaspora of the critical realities of life and need in Armenia... ATG plays a central role in gathering momentum and delivering real-life projects in Armenia and I hope that our collective venture during Ride 2006 will enhance that effort."
- —Saro Hartounian, New Jersey
- "I am so excited to join Vatche and his efforts of raising funds to help ATG strengthen the nursery and its production capabilities."
- -Raffi Tngerian, Vienna, Austria
- "I am riding the ATG Bike-a-Thon to help support and stimulate agribusiness in Armenia... I feel privileged to ride among the lands and people of my homeland. Viva Armenia!"
- —Gregory Tatosian, Texas
- "I support all of the ATG's effort about helping the Armenian farmers. I am riding to raise funds and help create jobs for the farmers and their families."
- —John Varouj Mikaelian, Racine, Wisconsin