



April 20, 2020

Dear Friends,

As the U.S. Representative for New Mexico's 1<sup>st</sup> congressional district, I wish you blessings as you begin the holy month of Ramadan. In this season of spiritual renewal and self-discipline, I appreciate your focus on service to family and community.

During the 2020 Ramadan season, the world and our country face unprecedented challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Islamic Relief USA has committed \$1.9 million to domestic response, supporting anti-hunger and food security programs. When I was raising my daughter as a single mother, I experienced the struggles many women face as breadwinners for their families and I understand what it is like for families who can't put food on their tables. As we see long lines of families at food banks throughout the country, Islamic Relief USA has stepped up to help hungry families. The delivery of hygiene packs and protective face masks to community and public health organizations by Islamic Relief USA also fills a desperate need.

COVID-19 challenges all of us as never before. Our diverse country must come together in respect, commitment and understanding for our neighbors. The only way we can battle this threat is to do it TOGETHER. Thank you for working with other organizations to be part of the collective effort to provide relief not just now but in past crises and well. May this Ramadan bring blessings to your families and all of humanity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deb Haaland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "H".

Deb Haaland

Member of Congress