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Dear Friends:


As-Salamu-Alaykum and Ramadan Mubarak! During this COVID-19 pandemic, it is important that we adhere to social distancing and do our part to slow the spread of COVID-19. Due to the circumstances we are facing, the celebration of the Islamic Relief USA (IRUSA)'s 10th Annual Capitol Hill Ramadan Eid Reception has been postponed. In the midst of this pandemic and as Ramadan approaches it is even more important to recognize the humanitarian efforts of Muslim Americans and the great work done by Islamic Relief USA.

Ramadan is a time of reflection, sacrifice, and spirituality for Muslims across the world and here in the United States. Over the past year, Islamic Relief USA has played a vital role in the relief efforts for those affected by natural disasters and other tragic events. IRUSA expanded its interfaith collaborations with various Christian and Jewish organizations in response to these humanitarian needs, and I applaud Islamic Relief USA, its local partners, and their supporters for their tireless advocacy and work against world hunger.

Now more than ever, the work of Islamic Relief USA is critical for the well-being of our communities. IRUSA continues to focus on supporting anti-hunger and food security programs during these unprecedented times. Here in the Commonwealth of Virginia, IRUSA has been responding to the needs of local families impacted by the COVID-19 crisis, and nationally they have committed \$1.9 million to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. Its work during this hardship has shown the best of our country, and we should all be thankful for the work IRUSA continues to do.

I commend the important humanitarian work that Islamic Relief USA continues to undertake to combat poverty, hunger, and suffering in vulnerable communities. Your work here in the United States and across the globe is greatly appreciated and truly saves lives.

Best Regards,

  
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