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Dear Friend,

It is my distinct pleasure to greet you as you prepare to enter this year's Ramadan season. This sacred tradition is important to the Islamic community and teaches our nation the importance of spiritual renewal, charity, and sacrifice. Despite Islamic Relief USA's annual reception being postponed, the message of the organization and purpose of Ramadan could not be more important in these current times.

Islamic Relief USA's vision for unity, peace, and prosperity has become central for communities across our globe as we continue to work against the COVID-19 global pandemic. Neighbors have come together to support one another, the fragments in our government have been exposed, and the importance of *every* individual has been made apparent. While this tragedy may have brought our societal challenges to the forefront, Islamic Relief USA has been working on these issues for over 25 years. Their leadership during this crisis, subsequently, should come as no surprise.

I commend Islamic Relief USA for committing to \$1.9M to fund their domestic response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Their contributions for combatting anti-hunger and food insecurity is commendable and worthy of recognition. Thus far, they have provided \$880,000 to over 40 organizations across the United States, including Georgia.

As a member of Congress, I have seen how legislation can be transformative for millions of Americans, and yet, some of the greatest transformations our country has witnessed originated from citizens who made a conscious decision to see change. Many Muslims have made commitments such as these, and our nation is better off because of your selfless acts.

During this sacred and holy month, I hope you will reflect on the contributions you have made and how we can come together as citizens to make our country stronger. Thank you to Islamic Relief USA and the many Muslims that are committed to seeing our country thrive.

May peace and blessings be upon you!

Sincerely,



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