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Islamic Relief USA
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Dear Friends,

It is with great enthusiasm that I extend a warm greeting and wish health and safety to all those observing Ramadan. Even though we are unable to celebrate together this year, I want to also congratulate Islamic Relief USA on what would have been its 10th Annual Interfaith Ramadan Celebration on Capitol Hill.

For over twenty-five years, Islamic Relief USA has been empowering communities by providing emergency relief and development services to millions of people around the world, regardless of race, gender, religion, or nationality. Now, during the COVID-19 crisis, Islamic Relief USA has ramped up its anti-poverty efforts and expanded its partnerships with local organizations that give direct aid to the communities most disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. Islamic Relief USA has already provided over $880,000 in funding to anti-hunger programs in the United States and has pledged to continue fighting the hunger and food security crisis that has been intensified by this pandemic.

As we mark the beginning of Ramadan, let us reflect on these humanitarian efforts and the countless further contributions that American Muslims make to our communities, our country, and our world. Our nation has always been strengthened by its diversity, and we will continue to stand with the American Muslim community and to denounce any hateful rhetoric, actions, and policies that seek to divide us.

On behalf of the United States House of Representatives and the people of the 27th Congressional District, I offer my best wishes to all celebrating Ramadan and to Islamic Relief USA for its continued success.

Sincerely,

JUDY CHU, Ph.D.
Member of Congress, 27th District