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Dear Friends,

I hope that this message finds all of you and your loved ones safe and healthy in this challenging time. I look forward to gathering together once again in the future to break the Ramadan fast but, even during this time of social distancing, we can all practice the benevolence, compassion and understanding at the core of Islam.

I appreciate the work of Islamic Relief USA, both here at home and abroad. The organization has committed nearly \$2 million to food banks and other domestic agencies (including in Los Angeles) to assist those in need from the COVID-19 emergency. And I appreciate IRUSA's work to help increase food security and empower women around the globe, including in places like Bangladesh and Pakistan. I applaud IRUSA for its work to improve and assist communities around the world.

Ramadan is a time of spiritual renewal, family gatherings, charitable activities and giving thanks for the good in life. As the many mosques in my district work out virtual connections to their congregations, and as Muslims across the U.S. and around the world reflect on the blessings and the challenges in all of our lives, I wish you all Ramadan Mubarak!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Bass". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karen" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Bass".

Karen Bass
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