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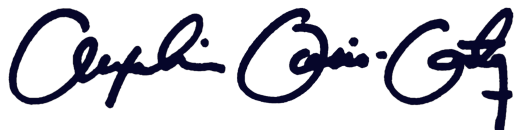
Dear Members of the Muslim American Community,

Peace and blessings to you. The holy month of Ramadan is upon us once again! Over the past few years, Muslim American community members have been challenged to find ways to observe this holy month, often foregoing the communal traditions that make this time of year so rewarding. Now, as we find ourselves on the other side of the omicron surge, we are cautiously taking steps to reconvene with one another. I look forward to breaking bread over iftar with the vibrant Muslim community in my district!

I thank Islamic Relief USA for its dedication to continued humanitarian assistance during the pandemic, addressing the needs of the most vulnerable people across the country. The devotion to charity work and remembrance of the needs of others while dealing with one's own hunger pains offers the wider community a valuable lesson in empathy.

The dedication shown by Muslim Americans who carry on the physical demands of a day-long fast while maintaining work, social, and educational commitments is nothing short of remarkable. As you abstain from food and water during the daylight hours and engage in spiritual acts in the evenings, I hope this month offers ample opportunity for reflection and growth. It is an honor and privilege to represent so many Muslim American community members in the halls of Congress. Ramadan Kareem!

In service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Alexia Ocasio-Cortez". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez,  
Member of Congress