April 2, 2022

Dear Members of the Muslim Community,

On behalf of the Fifth District in the State of Connecticut, it is my pleasure to extend greetings and blessings as you begin this holy month of Ramadan. During this time of prayer and reflection, I am hopeful and inspired by the value placed on empowering communities to remain socially conscious and obligated to respond to the suffering of others. These pillars of Islamic faith are what will sustain humankind.

Our global communities have met great challenge with even greater determination and resolve. Islamic Relief USA’s innovative programming is the result of a clear calling to create peace in the world. From encouraging female leaders and peacemakers, to supporting refugees seeking safety from their embattled homelands, to assisting families in breaking the chains of poverty, your work is a pure emanation of Islam. When I witness the collective strength and diversity of the people dedicated to this work, I remain steadfast in my belief that we will emerge with a new sense of purpose and wisdom that will positively impact future generations. Commitment and ground-level action effect the kind of change necessary to transform lives.

As the Muslim community begins this holy month of fasting, introspection, and faithful prayer, I want to thank Islamic Relief USA, its members, donors, and leadership, for its tireless advocacy and humanitarian work for the benefit of all. Ramadan Mubarek, my friends.

Sincerely,

Jahana Hayes