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Congress of the United States
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Dear Constituent:

Today, as we begin the holy month of Ramadan, I want to extend my warmest "Ramadan Mubarak" to all.

When the shadows of Islamophobia and xenophobia seem to grow longer throughout our nation, the essence of Ramadan — its spirit of unity, compassion, and introspection — shines even brighter as a guide for all of us, regardless of our faith. During this sacred time, I feel it is crucial to share in the observance of Ramadan and to express a steadfast commitment to peace in all nations and hope for a brighter future.

The contributions of Muslim Americans and organizations like Islamic Relief USA are a powerful testament to the values of humanitarianism and anti-poverty that are at the heart of the American ethos. It is not just about the assistance provided but about the sense of belonging, camaraderie, and security that it fosters among our neighbors and community leaders.

As we stand in solidarity with our Muslim brothers and sisters, let us renew our commitment to a future marked by understanding, respect, and mutual understanding. Let us recognize and celebrate the invaluable contributions that Muslim Americans make to our nation and the world. And let us work tirelessly to ensure that every individual feels safe and valued, regardless of their faith or background.

I wish everyone observing Ramadan a month filled with peace, reflection, and spiritual growth. May the lessons of Ramadan inspire us all to strive for a more compassionate, inclusive, and hopeful world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Takano".

MARK TAKANO
Member of Congress