

## United States Senate

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Greetings Everyone and Eid Mubarak!

Ramadan is such a special time of the year. It is a time for reflection, introspection, and service. This is so important, now more than ever, as we grapple with the uncertainty and isolation of the past few years.

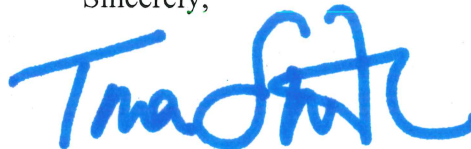
The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged us in ways none of us could have imagined. I know your community has experienced a disproportionate amount of grief as you have lost beloved elders, family, and friends.

Yet in the face of immense challenges, it is heartwarming to know that organizations like Islamic Relief USA, in partnership with Minnesotan organizations like Al-Maa'uun and RABATA Cultural Center, have stepped up, delivering food and supplies to households across the state.

I'm reminded of one of my favorite quotes from Mr. Rogers who said that in times of distress we should "look for the helpers. You'll always find people who are helping." Organizations like yours have been invaluable helpers. And thanks to your efforts, I have no doubt our communities will bounce back stronger from these challenging few years.

Thank you for all your work. I wish you all a safe and healthy Eid-al Fitr as you celebrate with your loved ones.

Sincerely,



Tina Smith  
United States Senator