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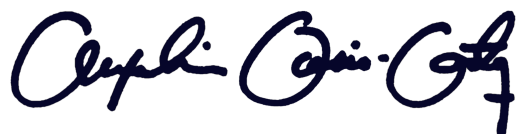
Dear Members of the Muslim American Community,

As the holy month of Ramadan approaches, we are reminded of the principles of this month as observed by over a billion people around the world: patience, mindfulness, spirituality and charity. This year's observance could not be more timely, as we have seen devastation and loss of life due to natural disasters, wars, and other calamities. Our hearts go out to those who have lost loved ones, homes, and livelihoods.

I thank Islamic Relief USA for its dedication to continued humanitarian assistance in disaster areas, addressing the needs of the most vulnerable people. 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.

May the blessings of Ramadan fill your hearts with joy and peace, and may your efforts continue to bring hope and relief to those in need. 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 fluid and cursive, with the first name "Alexia" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Ocasio-Cortez".

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez,
Member of Congress