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Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I wish a joyful Ramadan Mubarak to Islamic Relief USA and our Muslim community at home.

As we celebrate the holy month of Ramadan this year, we are again reminded of our obligations to our neighbors and communities. We remember those less fortunate than ourselves while we fast, and we reaffirm our commitment to aid others through service and sadagah. This year, Ramadan gives us a unique opportunity to reflect on how important the principles of showing love, resilience, and unity are to creating resilient communities.

Islamic Relief USA and Muslim Americans throughout the country have put these very principles into practice. I commend IRUSA for their aid to invaluable community and social service organizations last year. From partnering with the Al-Maa'uun food program at Masjid an-Nur within my district to bringing people of all faiths together during the annual Twin Cities Day of Dignity, the work of Islamic Relief USA embodies the spirit of service Muslims strive to embody year-round. By supporting critical programs that address the food security, healthcare access, and financial assistance needs of those who have been struggling, your advocacy and service have invaluably benefited the lives of thousands.

As we gather for Ramadan, let us remember that Prophet Muhammad (SAW) said "Allah is engaged in helping the worshiper as long as the worshiper is engaged in helping his brother." Let us move forward with this dedication to each other and our communities in mind. May this Ramadan be a blessed month for us all.

Once again, Ramadan Mubarak!

Sincerely,

Ilhan Omar

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