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The Wyoming Global Technology Summit has a strong history of highlighting cutting-edge issues in technology as their organization seeks to create rural jobs and accelerate accessibility to technology globally. HRH Ambassador Reema was pleased to participate in the "Fireside Chat" portion of the summit this year where she focused on the work Saudi Arabia is currently undertaking to expand access to technology and create jobs in the Kingdom's rural regions. She spoke at length on expanding and utilizing technology across the Kingdom as it is a foundational effort of Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 mission. She additionally discussed Saudi Arabia's work to diversify their economy, inspiring reforms that have empowered women in the Kingdom, and the similarities and partnership between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia.

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The event concluded with HRH Ambassador Reema thanking the Jackson Hole Technology Partnership and the attendees who joined the event. She further expressed the importance the U.S. and Saudi Arabia to continue to explore and build on their vibrant and vitally important partnership in order to create solutions to the issues both countries are facing. Specifically, she touched on the potential for future partnerships between Wyoming and Saudi Arabia as they work to connect their citizens in rural communities and build thriving economies outside of traditional metro areas.

Coyne, Michael

From: Coleman, Norm B.
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 7:20 PM
To: 'kara.ahern@mail.house.gov'
Subject: Recent Event in Wyoming Involving Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Attachments: Wyoming Tech Summit - HRH KSA Event Summary.pdf; Rep. Cheney Cover Letter - WY Tech Summit HRH Event.pdf

Dear Kara,

On behalf of the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, I wanted to make sure your office was aware of a recent event in Wyoming.

In October, Her Royal Highness Ambassador Reema Bandar Al-Saud virtually addressed the 7th Annual Wyoming Global Technology Summit, hosted by the Jackson Hole Technology Partnership. After being introduced by John Temte, chair and co-founder of the Jackson Hole Technology Partnership, HRH Ambassador Reema focused her remarks on several topics impacting communities in Saudi Arabia and the United States.

HRH Ambassador Reema spoke about the common issues the U.S. and Saudi Arabia are facing when it comes to bringing 21st Century technologies to their rural communities. She highlighted the importance of the U.S. and Saudi Arabia collaborating in order to reach solutions on these issues and build thriving economies rural communities across the world. HRH Ambassador Reema further remarked on the importance of trade and deepening the economic ties between our two countries.

Please see the attached cover letter and summary, which provide additional details on this important event.

I welcome any feedback you or Representative Cheney may have.

All my best,

Norm

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**Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia
Jackson Hole Technology Partnership
Wyoming Global Technology Summit**

Dear Kara:

I am reaching out today to let you know that the Jackson Hole Technology Partnership recently hosted Her Royal Highness Ambassador Reema Bandar Al-Saud, Saudi Arabia's Ambassador to the United States, as a guest speaker for their 7th Annual Wyoming Global Technology Summit on Thursday, October 1, 2020.

The Wyoming Global Technology Summit has a strong history of highlighting cutting-edge issues in technology as their organization seeks to create rural jobs and accelerate accessibility to technology globally. HRH Ambassador Reema was pleased to participate in the "Fireside Chat" portion of the summit this year where she focused on the work Saudi Arabia is currently undertaking to expand access to technology and create jobs in the Kingdom's rural regions. She spoke at length on expanding and utilizing technology across the Kingdom as it is a foundational effort of Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 mission. She additionally discussed Saudi Arabia's work to diversify their economy, inspiring reforms that have empowered women in the Kingdom, and the similarities and partnership between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia.

The event hosted approximately 80 guests from tech leaders, elected officials, and business leaders around the state and region, including Governor Mark Gordon, Dr. Ed Seidel, Wesley Chan, and Graham Weston. Attendees had the opportunity to pose questions to HRH Ambassador Reema, who received an overwhelmingly positive feedback from attendees and hosts of the Annual Wyoming Global Technology Summit.

I have attached a brief overview of the event. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Sen. Norm Coleman

Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia Event Summary

Fireside Chat with Her Royal Highness Ambassador Reema Bandar Al-Saud

Hosted by the Jackson Hole Technology Partnership at the Wyoming Global Technology Summit

October 1, 2020

Zoom Interactive Event

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. EDT

Her Royal Highness Ambassador Reema Bandar Al-Saud virtually addressed the 7th Annual Wyoming Global Technology Summit, hosted by the Jackson Hole Technology Partnership on October 1, 2020. After being introduced by John Temte, chair and co-founder of the Jackson Hole Technology Partnership, HRH Ambassador Reema focused her remarks on several topics impacting communities in Saudi Arabia and the United States. Following her remarks, she participated in a question and answer session moderated by Temte, in which she took questions from the audience.

HRH Ambassador Reema spoke about the common issues the U.S. and Saudi Arabia are facing when it comes to bringing 21st Century technologies to their rural communities. She highlighted the importance of the U.S.-Saudi partnership moving forward in order to reach solutions on these issues and build thriving economies rural communities across the world. HRH Ambassador Reema further remarked on the importance of trade and deepening the economic ties between our two countries.

HRH Ambassador Reema additionally discussed the bold transformation occurring in Saudi Arabia under Vision 2030. From diversifying the Saudi economy to opening Saudi Arabia to tourism, Vision 2030 touches every government department and Saudi citizen. Vision 2030 further seeks to empower women, an effort recently recognized by the World Bank Group whose annual Women, Business, and the Law report recognized Saudi Arabia as having made the biggest yearly improvement. Specifically, the report recognized Saudi Arabia for barring sexual harassment in both the public and private employment sectors, legally protecting pregnant employees from discriminatory dismissal, equalizing the retirement age for men and women, and mandating that women are paid equally compared to their male counterparts. Ambassador Reema spoke passionately about these changes and answered questions from audience members.

Additional topics covered by HRH Ambassador Reema included:

- How Saudi Arabia has responded to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Ways Saudi Arabia is diversifying its economy to reduce its dependency on oil
- Saudi Arabia's efforts to attract and maintain a steady flow of young people entering the country's workforce

The event concluded with HRH Ambassador Reema thanking the Jackson Hole Technology Partnership and the attendees who joined the event. She further expressed the importance the U.S. and Saudi Arabia to continue to explore and build on their vibrant and vitally important partnership in order to create solutions to the issues both countries are facing. Specifically, she touched on the potential for future partnerships between Wyoming and Saudi Arabia as they work to connect their citizens in rural communities and build thriving economies outside of traditional metro areas.

Coyne, Michael

From: Coleman, Norm B.
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 7:29 PM
To: 'larry_burton@sullivan.senate.gov'
Subject: Recent Event in Alaska - WAC, KSA
Attachments: Sen. Sullivan Cover Letter - Alaska WAC KSA Event.pdf; Alaska WAC HRH KSA Event Summary.pdf

Dear Larry,

On behalf of the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, I wanted to make sure your office was aware of a recent event in Alaska.

Her Royal Highness Ambassador Reema Bandar Al-Saud addressed a virtual event, hosted by the Alaska World Affairs Council on Thursday, October 22, 2020. After being introduced by General Joseph Ralston, Vice Chairman of The Cohen Group, former Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, and personal friend to the ambassador's father, HRH Ambassador Reema focused her remarks on several areas surrounding the robust 75-year U.S.-Saudi partnership.

HRH Ambassador Reema spoke passionately on the relationship and ties between the people of the Kingdom and Alaska. She further applauded the mission of the Alaska World Affairs Council for bringing cultures from around the world and an international perspective to Alaska.

Among the many topics discussed, HRH Ambassador Reema focused extensively on the bold and inspiring transformation occurring in Saudi Arabia under Vision 2030. From diversifying the Saudi economy to opening Saudi Arabia to tourism, Vision 2030 touches every government department and Saudi citizen. Vision 2030 additionally seeks to empower women, an effort recognized by the World Bank Group whose yearly Women, Business, and the Law report recognized Saudi Arabia as having made the biggest yearly improvement.

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All my best,

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**RE: Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia +
Alaska World Affairs Council Event October 22, 2020**

Dear Larry,

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The Alaska World Affairs Council has hosted numerous distinguished speakers over the years in pursuit of cultivating global understanding and promoting meaningful discussions on current international affairs. HRH Ambassador Reema was pleased to participate and shared her thoughts on a diverse array of topics, including the importance of the 75-year partnership between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia, the vital geopolitical, economic, and security benefits of the alliance, and the transformative changes occurring for women in the Kingdom as a result of Vision 2030.

The event was well attended with 50 Alaska community and business leaders joining to hear from HRH Ambassador Reema. Attendees also had the opportunity to ask HRH Ambassador Reema questions. These included questions from World Affairs Council board members Laura Sturdevant, Hugh Short, Dr. Paul Dunscomb, and a Wasilla High School student. Numerous attendees commented on HRH Ambassador Reema's passion for Saudi Arabia and her people, her informative remarks and answers to questions, and her efforts in bringing America and Saudi Arabia even closer together.

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Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia Event Summary

Virtual Lunch with Leaders: Her Royal Highness Ambassador Reema Bandar Al-Saud

Hosted by the Alaska World Affairs Council

October 22, 2020
Zoom Interactive Event
4:00-5:00 p.m. EDT

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