



MINISTER
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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Dear Representative

I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations on your re-election and convey my thanks for your valued membership in the *Friends of Egypt Caucus* during the past congressional term. As you commence your new tenure in the 117th Congress, I look forward to your continued efforts in solidifying and advancing the invaluable strategic partnership between Egypt and the United States which remains indispensable for our mutual national interests.

In the midst of turmoil and uncertainty in North Africa and the Middle East, our strategic partnership has served as a fundamental source of stability in the region, standing strong and reflecting durability. Our security cooperation has served as a safeguard against global terrorism, radicalization, and extremism. Our military to military collaboration remains enduring, with both our Armed Forces conducting longstanding military cooperation exercises that sees hundreds of U.S. service members join Egyptian Armed Forces to improve regional security and promote interoperability. Our economic and trade relations have become admirable success stories, with the U.S. becoming one of Egypt's closest trade partners. Our political coordination remains regular, seeking diplomatic solutions to a number of pressing conflicts in the region, specifically in Libya, Syria, and between the Israelis and Palestinians.

I count on your support to promote the Egypt-U.S. strategic partnership during the new congressional term. Your membership in the *Friends of Egypt Caucus* adds meaningful value to the group and I look forward to your valuable contribution.

I am looking forward for an early opportunity to meet with you personally either in Cairo or Washington D.C.

Sincerely,

Sameh Shoukry

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