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Hope you're doing well. I'm writing to you concerning a meeting request with you or a relevant colleague for the Embassy of Japan.

We work with the Japanese Embassy in Washington on issues ranging from security to economics and trade. As you likely also know, Japanese investment in the United States totals more than **\$44.9 billion** and supports **718,900 American jobs**, more than 326,000 of which are in manufacturing. The US-Japan alliance was strengthened in 2015 through the revised US-Japan Defense Guidelines, which expanded various forms of security cooperation, including on matters related to China. In recent years, the Japanese government has partnered with a number of research institutions and think tanks to invest in academic programs for American students, research and development in science and technology and in matters of social significance to the United States. Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe was recently the first Japanese leader to address a joint session of Congress, expounding on the importance of the bilateral relationship to congressional leadership. Perhaps the best demonstration of the aforementioned work is captured in a 2015 Pew Research report on the American and Japanese relationship, which showed that **69 percent of Americans and 75 percent of Japanese trust one another other.**

Minister Yohiki Kobayashi, the new Congressional Affairs head at the embassy, would like to come in and meet. Would you or a colleague be available for this **meeting next week?**

Many thanks in advance,

Jordan

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